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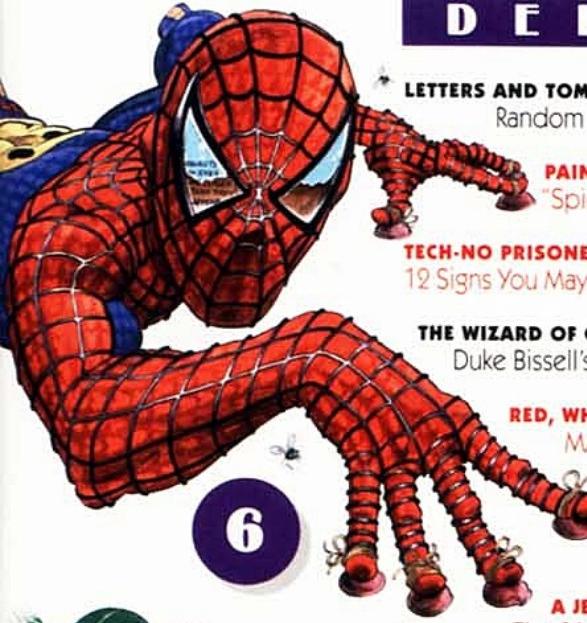
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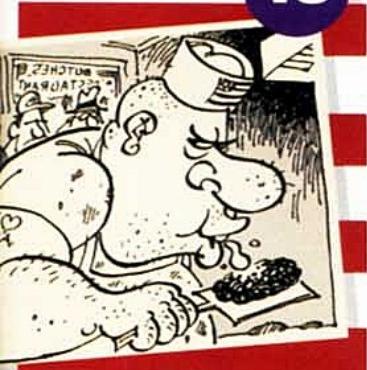
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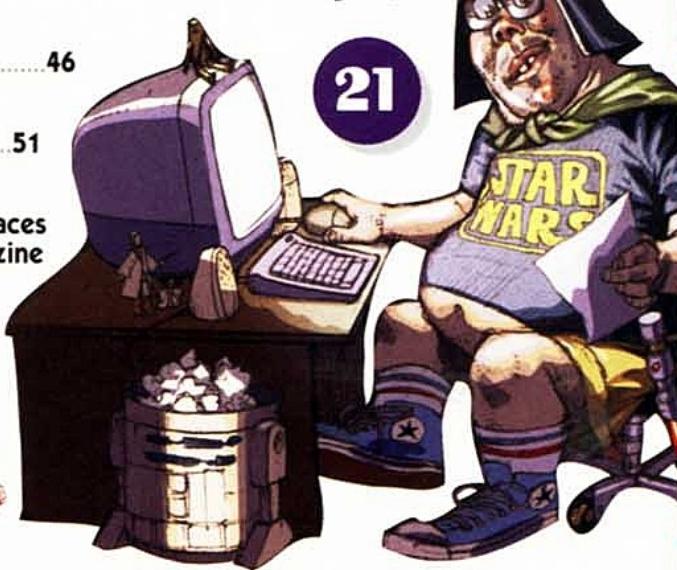
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"For some, following
in their parent's
footsteps is more
like a forced march!"



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Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

I have a wish for the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™*. I want to change my name to Alfred E. Neuman. But my mom still needs some convincing. So please send a letter to convince her.

David Peck, Lacey, WA

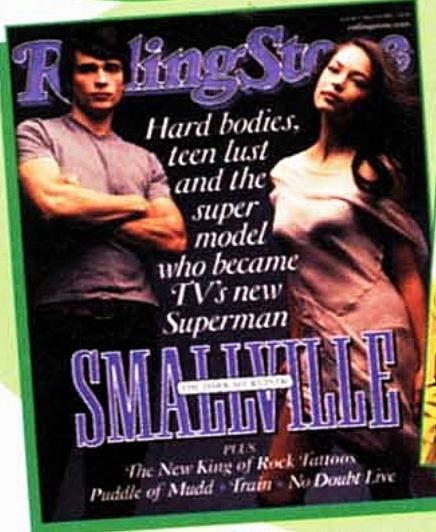
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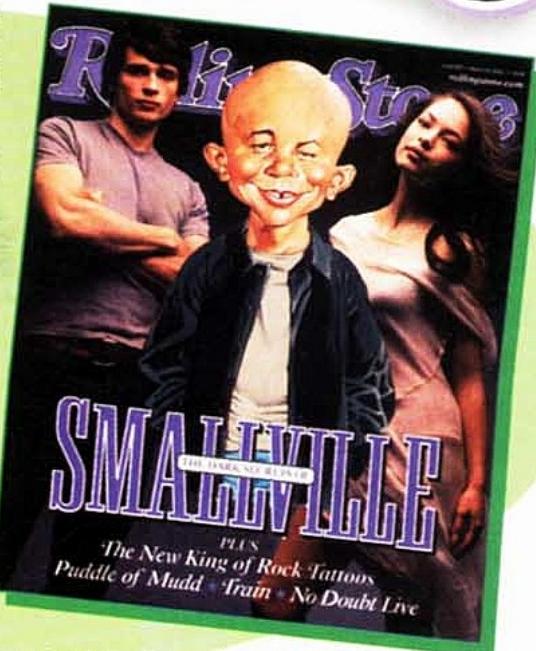
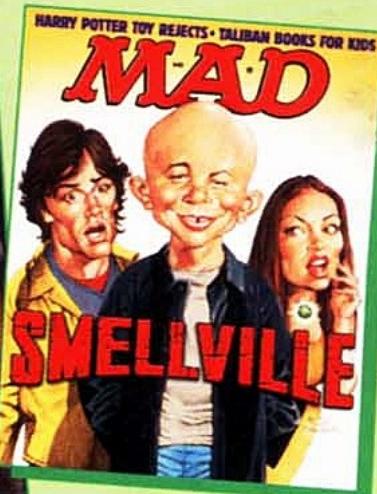
Dear Mother Peck,

We are writing to you on behalf of your son David, whose dream is to change his name to Alfred E. Neuman. We here at the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™* urge you to take this request seriously. We needn't tell you these are difficult and troubled times we live in and our youth face greater emotional and societal challenges than anything you ever faced. Parental guidance is either too lenient or too strict and often both lead to the same end: the disenfranchised youth picking up an axe and planting it into their parent's skull. It is with this thought in mind that we reiterate our plea to let David legally change his name to Alfred E. Neuman. —Ed.

A ROLLING STONE GATHERS SOME SLACK



Maybe it's just a coincidence, but doesn't the March 28th cover of *Rolling Stone* look a tad reminiscent of the cover of *MAD* #415? Indeed, with just a slight modification, things get really scary!



March 28th *Rolling Stone* + *MAD* #415 = Morphed *Rolling Stone* cover

ALFRED E. GATES?

In the past we've pointed out the striking similarities between Alfred E. Neuman and Prince Charles, Ted Koppel, David Letterman and to a slightly lesser degree, Jennifer Aniston. But there is a grass roots movement afoot to nominate yet another unfortunate celebrity to the pantheon of Alfred look-a-likes: none other than the pasty-faced billionaire Bill Gates! Witness Exhibit A, sent in by Robert Barrow of Tannersville, PA, ripped from the pages of *Upside* magazine!

UPSHOT

What, Me Worry?

Brushing aside lawsuits and the slow economy, Bill Gates and Microsoft roll out their latest operating system, Windows XP.



WHAT, ME LOOK-A-LIKE?

Bill Gates aside, this month's winner/loser in the Alfred E. Neuman look-a-like contest is John Pritzlaff of Milwaukee, WI. You are in our thoughts and we sincerely hope you will "grow out of it"!



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JAILHOUSE CROCK

I buy MAD Magazine on the commissary slip at Orange County Jail. You know you guys got a good magazine when you can get it in jail. My favorite parts of your magazine are "Warning Labels for Today's Hottest CD's" and "When Other Teen Idols Jump On the Young Adult Novel Bandwagon" found in issue #414. Most of all I look forward to Spy Vs. Spy almost as much as I look forward to my release date. Much love from behind the wall!

Afton Reagan
Orange County Jail, Santa Ana, CA

Ron Reagan — It's rare that we receive a letter as brilliant and insightful as yours. You truly have a beautiful mind. We're delighted that MAD can play a small part to wile away the hours at the old Graybar Hotel. And here's something we bet you didn't know. If you take a MAD fold-in, fold it over so that A meets B, then turn it sideways and fold so C meets D, you have yourself one helluva MAD shiv! Thanks for writing and please give our best to everyone on the cell block! —Ed.

LOVE THAT MONROE

I am a 70-year-old fan of MAD going back to 1952 @ #1. Yes, I have them all. Your so-called "selling out" by bringing in ads does not bother me in any way. If that's what it takes to survive in today's market, so be it.

Dave Jones, Camano Island, WA

P.S. Monroe's mother reminds me of my ex-sister-in-law, who is also a pig and a slut!

Davy Jones — It's rare that we receive a letter as brilliant and insightful as yours. You truly have a beautiful mind. Thanks for writing. Any chance you could send us your ex-sister-in-law's phone number? —Ed.

THE ANSWER MAD

Yes! It's time for another installment of our popular feature in which we take actual letters from other magazines and answer them ourselves. This month's gems come from the March 11th, 2002 issue of Newsweek.

Your cover story on the horrid state of affairs in figure skating judging reinforces my opinion that any event involving judging is not a sport. Not that I'm detracting from the physical abilities of these performers, but when winning or losing depends heavily on subjective opinions, it ceases to be a sport and becomes an art. The fact that certain other athletic events have been shown to be "fixed" before they ever occurred emphasizes the point: you could never do that in speed skating, cross-country skiing or bobsled competitions, where the clock is all that matters — not how you look while you race.

B.T., Indianapolis, IN

B.T. — Your letter is right on point. That's why we stopped betting on the cockfights long ago! (Now we just attend them as the perfect first date destination!)



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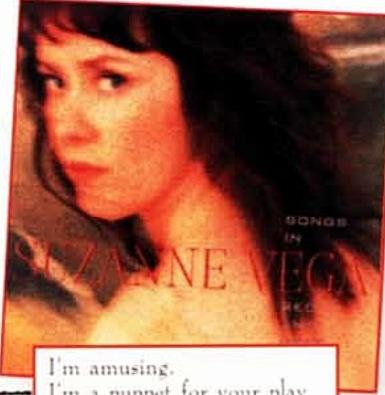
BIRTHDAY BOY GOES MAD



When Scott Winston of New York, NY wanted to throw a birthday party no one would soon forget (Lord knows they would try!), he decided to give each of his guests a copy of MAD Magazine. And why not? MAD is great at a party — you can use it to whack the piñata, light the candles on the cake and clean up after a guest has had too much to eat and drink! Happy birthday, Scott!

WE HAVEN'T THE VEGA-EST IDEA

On Suzanne Vega's latest album "Songs in Red and Gray," there is a song entitled "Machine Ballerina" which contains the lyric "I'm amusing. I'm a puppet for your play. Am I your MAD Magazine?" While we are happy to see Suzanne referencing us, we were nonetheless haunted by this line. Specifically, what the hell is Suzanne talking about? Since we're clueless, we thought this question should be posed to our readers. In 25 words or less, tell us what you think Suzanne means in the line "Am I your MAD Magazine?" We'll print the most coherent and incoherent answers in an upcoming issue. Please send the answers to Amy "The Big Vega" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.



I'm amusing.
I'm a puppet for your play.
Am I your Mad Magazine?



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I was disappointed with the way you used the word "Bulgarian" in your Feb. 25 cover story, noting that even fans of pairs skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier "wondered whether they would have gotten the gold if they had been homely, buck-toothed, balding and Bulgarian, rather than cute, charismatic Canadians." I think the hypothetical comparison is offensive to Bulgarians and an insult to intelligent readers like Newsweek's. Your wording hurts both the image of Bulgarian people and Newsweek's reputation for responsible journalism. I would like to see an apology.

T.P., College Park, MD

T.P. — A much more appropriate phrase would have been "wondered whether they would have gotten the gold if they had been nose-picking, beret-wearing and unshowered French." We regret this mistake and hope all of the millions of homely, buck-toothed, balding Bulgarians realize we were not trying to make fun of them!

FEUD FOR THOUGHT

In MAD #415, we asked readers to send in their vote as to who was the Grade-A chicken-boned moron: Gary Orton or Eugene Lumeny. Here's a little background. Way back in MAD #405, we received a letter from Eugene chastising us for making a mistake concerning D'Io Brown and the WWF in our Vince McMahon "Celebrity Cause-of-Death Betting Odds" (MAD #400). In MAD #409 Gary sent a letter informing us that Eugene, in fact, was wrong and we were correct. He also ended up insulting the hell out of Eugene. Next thing we know we get a missive from Eugene (MAD #412) taking his own potshot at Gary. We let Gary defend himself in MAD #415 and that's when we wanted to put a stop to this nonsense and let you, the proud and wise readers of MAD, decide this title bout. Here's a few of the many responses we received:

I think they are both morons. I mean, what kind of stooge gets into a feud by writing to a magazine?

Christopher Miles, Santa Cruz, CA

What kind of backwood Alabama idiots are these guys? Have they not considered that nobody gives a flying chair who is a "pimp" and no one cares if one is tougher than the other because it's all staged anyway.

Zeb Williams, Candler, NC

Personally I think that both Eugene and Gary are both Grade-A chicken-boned morons. We all know Gary is just some weirdo with greasy hair that sits in his room and watches old wrestling reruns. Eugene can't be much worse, except the fact that he's probably 45 and living in his parent's basement.

Tom Vonck, Ypsilanti, MI

I now associate the name "Eugene" with "redneck," because the WWF is the most rednecked-up sport I have ever seen. Even NASCAR has fewer yahoos. Then Gary "Metalmouth" Orton had to go and correct the yahoo. Who's the more yahoo, the yahoo or the yahoo that corrects him?

Ben Corbin, Shalimar, FL

In my opinion Eugene is the big idiot. Gary is only the second-dumbest person in the universe. Eugene reminds me of a kid who goes to my school. He thinks he's really cool, but you should see him in math. "Uh...one plus one...hang on, uh...I can get this...I know this...uh..."

Michael Lando, St. Paul, MN

WHO CARES! Stop wasting ink on these two Grade-A chicken-boned morons!

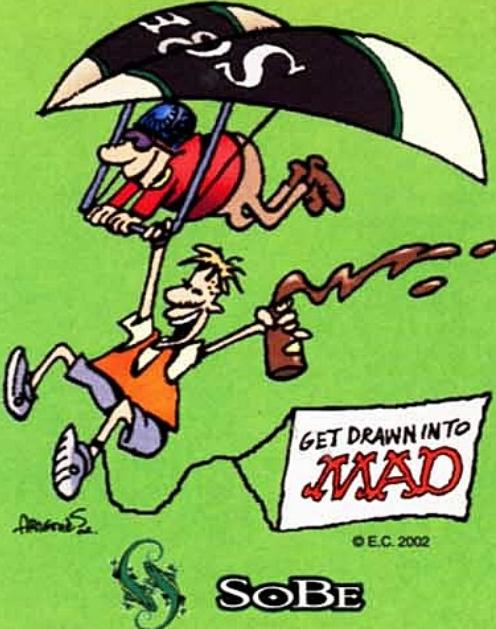
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SPID



ER-SHAM

He'd better help them! He's the jerk responsible for pulling it out of the sky in the first place! He did it with his stupid web!

He must be new at this web tossing schtick! Yesterday he pulled the Fuji blimp, the Hubble Telescope and a flock of really pissed-off geese out of the sky!

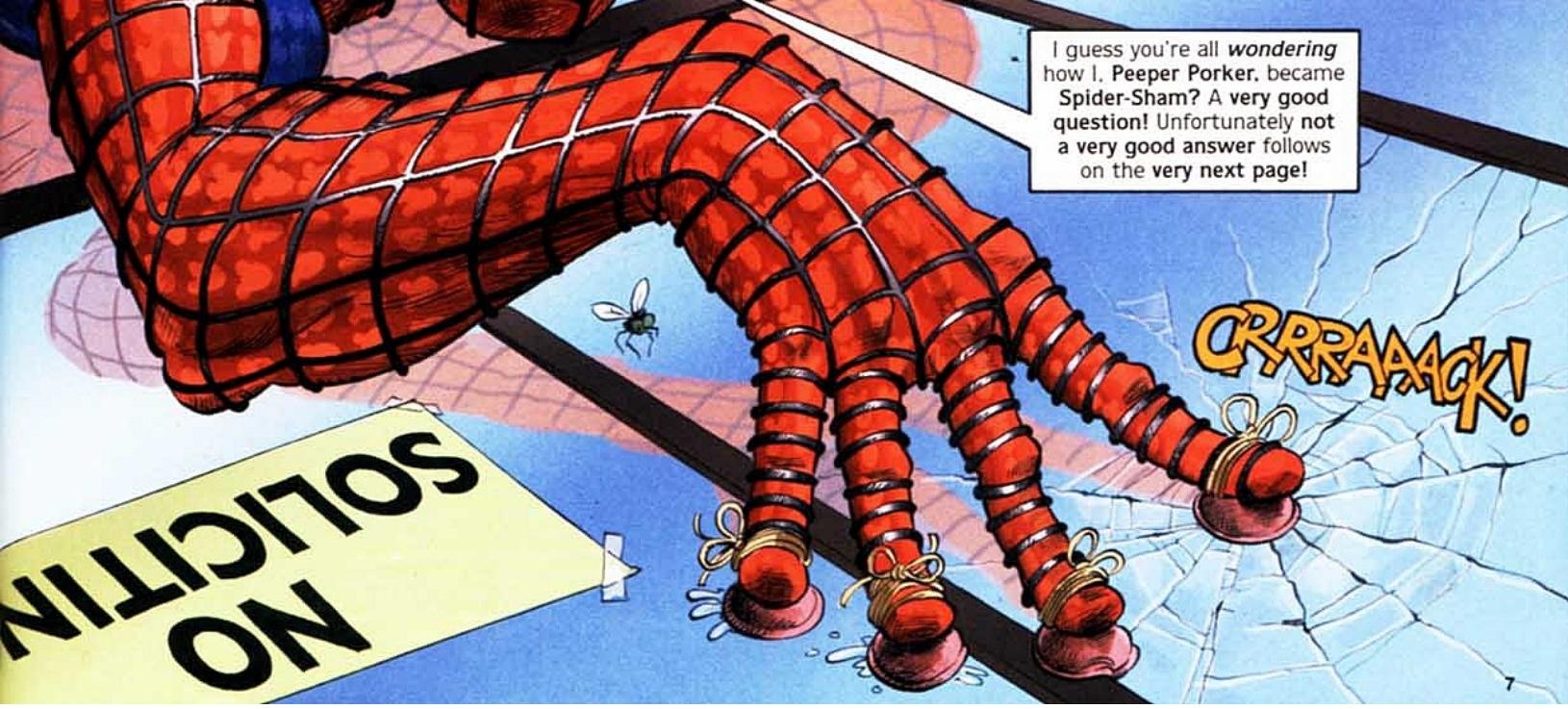
He's a raving idiot!
I think he prefers to be called a "licensed character"!

Same difference!
What's your point?

He looks hot!
I love a man in Spandex!

I love a man out of Spandex!
I just love Spandex, period!

Richard Simmons!
What are you doing here?



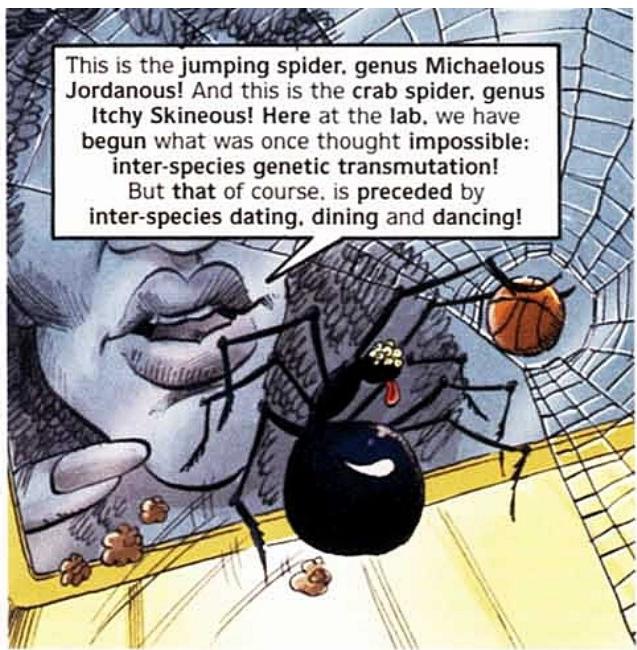
CRRRAAAACK!

In this one room we have more than 20 known species of rare spiders, at least 18 different species of rodents, and it's also home to one of the largest insect larvae collections in the world! But now it's time to leave the school cafeteria and go on our field trip to the Genetic Research Institute Of Creepy, Crawling Things!



This is the jumping spider, genus Michaelous Jordano! And this is the crab spider, genus Itchy Skineous! Here at the lab, we have begun what was once thought impossible: inter-species genetic transmutation!

But that of course, is preceded by inter-species dating, dining and dancing!



What would happen if one of those spiders bit you?

It would be impossible for one of those spiders to bite you! There's four feet of solid glass between us and the spiders!

Well I just got bit!

Damn! We're on the wrong side of the glass! Oops, sorry about that!



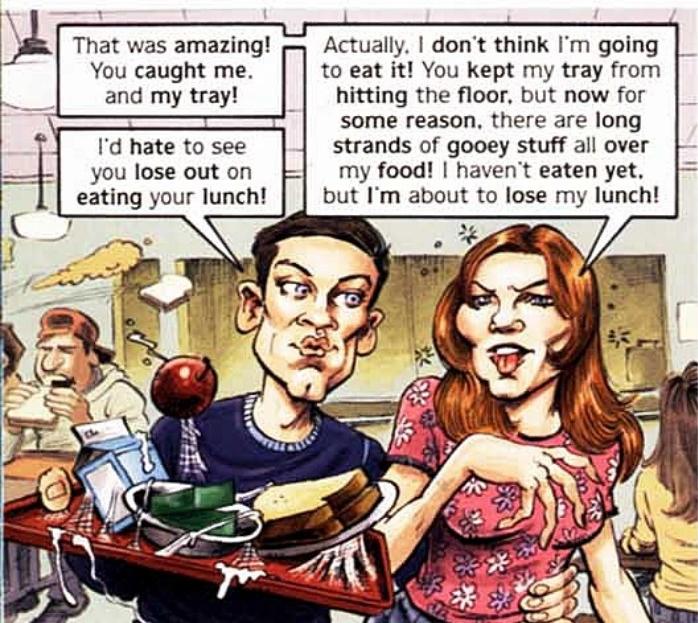
This is weird! Since I was bitten by that spider, my hands are becoming filled with tiny hairs! Am I finally growing a beard?...No signs of that! Just my hands! Is it possible that the rumor about... Nah!...I'm spooked! I think I need a snack! Maybe a few juicy flies and a stagnant pool of putrid water!



That was amazing! You caught me, and my tray!

I'd hate to see you lose out on eating your lunch!

Actually, I don't think I'm going to eat it! You kept my tray from hitting the floor, but now for some reason, there are long strands of gooey stuff all over my food! I haven't eaten yet, but I'm about to lose my lunch!

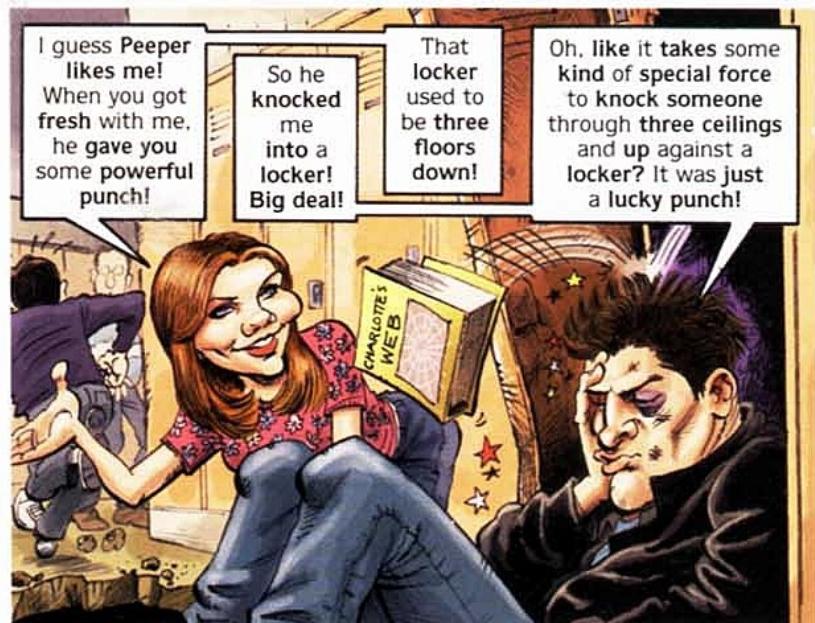


I guess Peeper likes me! When you got fresh with me, he gave you some powerful punch!

So he knocked me into a locker! Big deal!

That locker used to be three floors down!

Oh, like it takes some kind of special force to knock someone through three ceilings and up against a locker? It was just a lucky punch!



MEANWHILE,
IN THE
SINISTER
PART OF
TOWN...

I don't think our Personnel Transport is ready to be delivered to the military! It crashes eight out of ten times!

Great! That means it meets all military specifications!

Still, I think we should test it until it crashes TEN out of ten times!

Agreed! We have to strictly observe the terms of our government contract! It specifically states that we should "overcharge, underachieve and be years late in delivery"! We have a moral obligation to live up to these terms!



What about our work on Human Performance Enhancers?

When rats inhaled our noxious gas, they showed an 800 percent increase in strength and a 1,000 percent increase in maze-solving ability!

Any negative side effects?

An inclination toward violence, insanity and death...

Excellent! So basically you're saying there's "nothing major"!



I'm breathing in the green gas! I want to experience that superhuman strength-making concoction myself!

That's not our noxious green gas! That noxious green gas is drifting up from the Shlocko Bell downstairs!

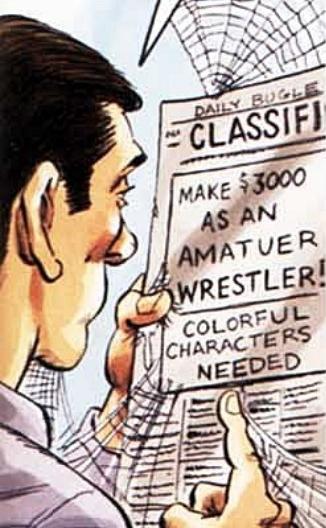
Oh no, the side effects from that are probably 100 times worse than the stuff WE invented!

Poor devil! There's nothing I can get for him now, except maybe a Burrito with a Pepto Bismol Sauce!



I'll answer this ad and make some quick cash!

The ad says "colorful characters"! If I wear this outfit, I bet I get a lot of attention — mainly from the lawyers at Warner Bros! I'd better rethink it! Make it something more original! Original, yet derivative!



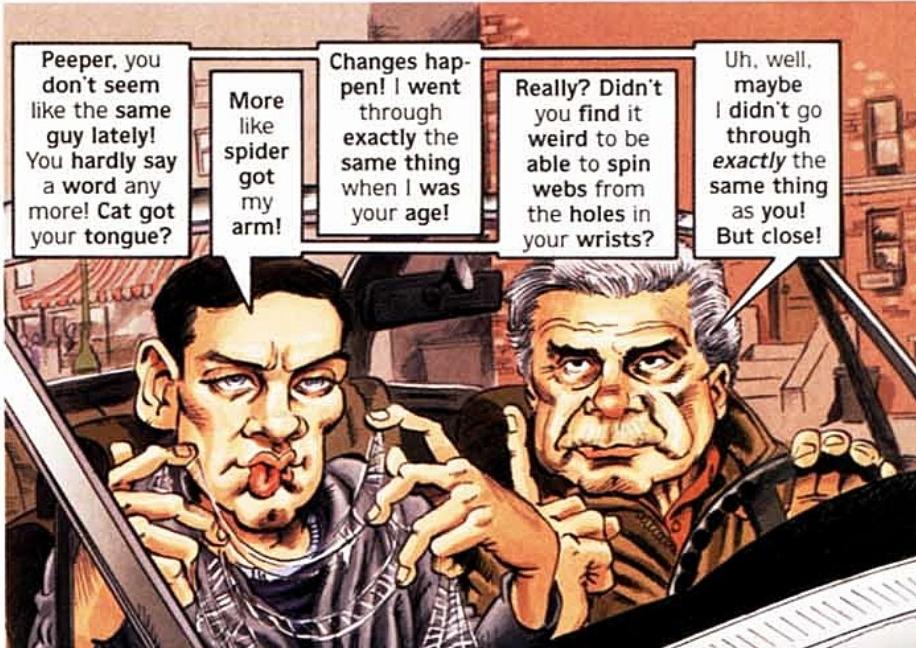
Peep, you don't seem like the same guy lately! You hardly say a word anymore! Cat got your tongue?

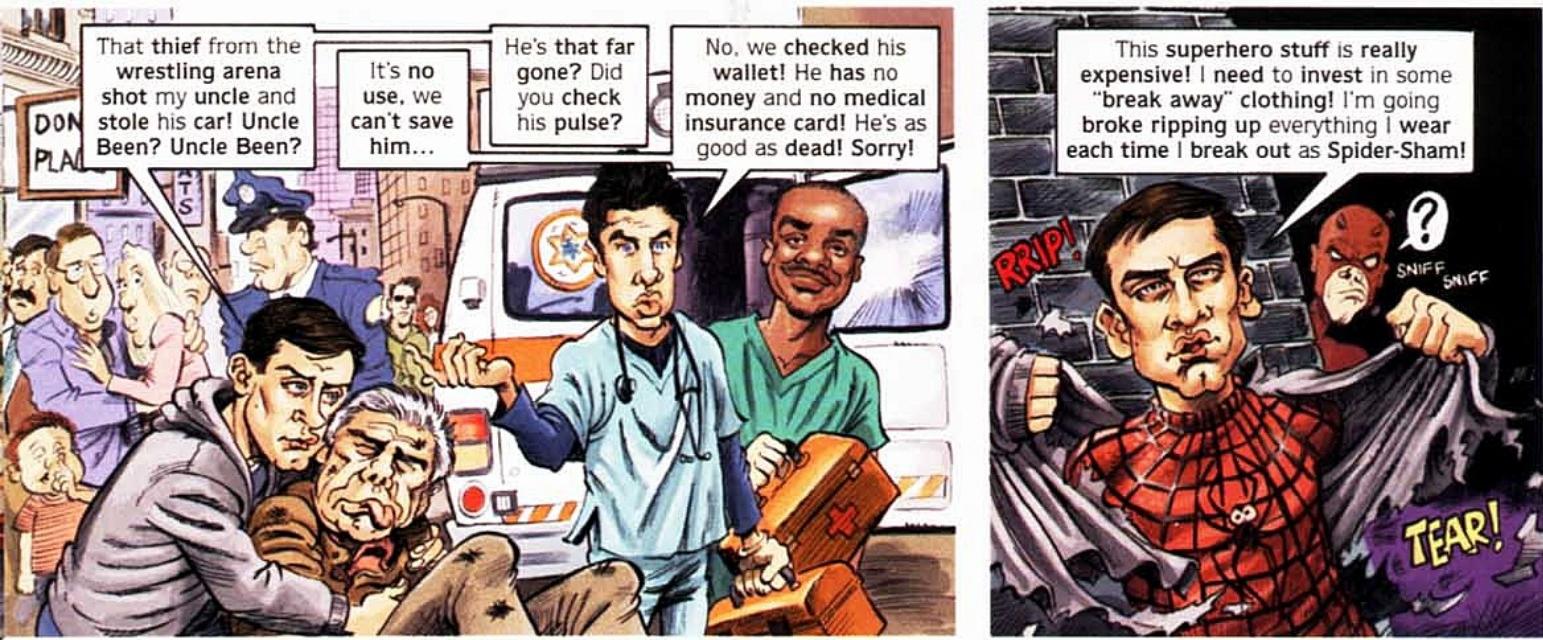
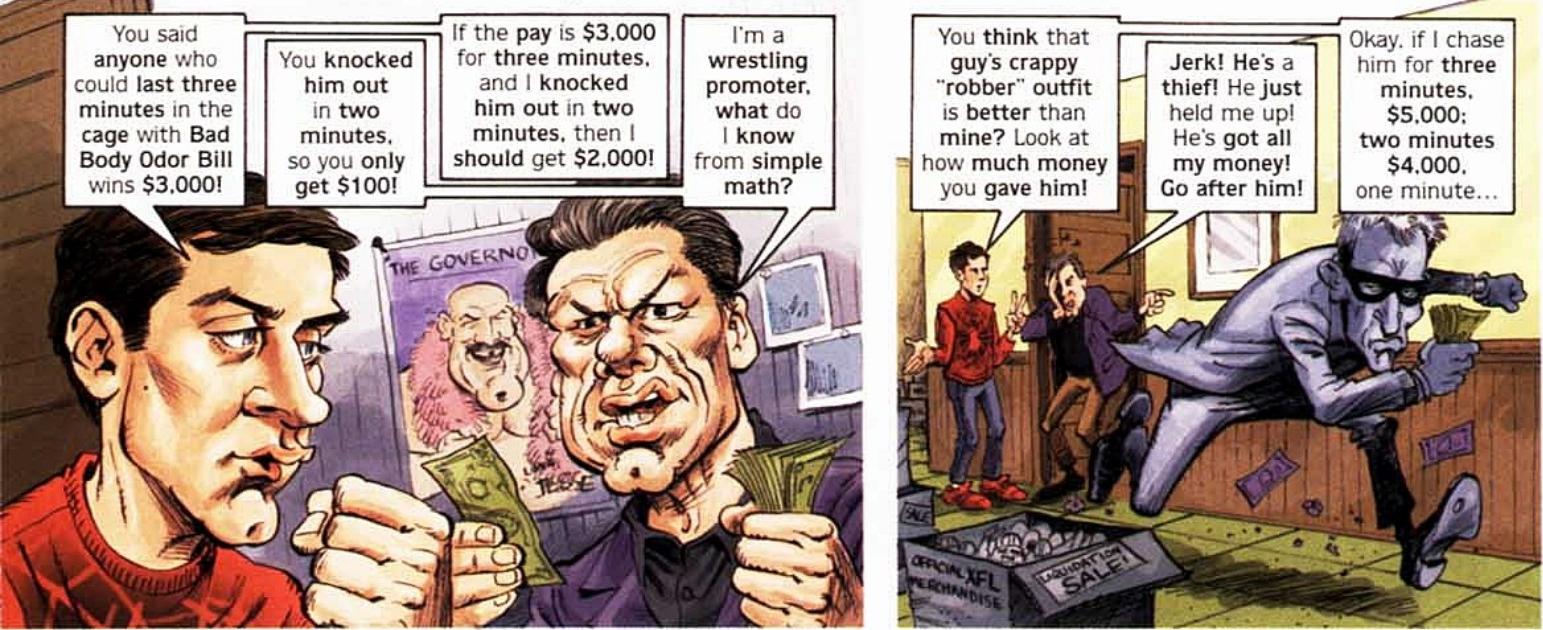
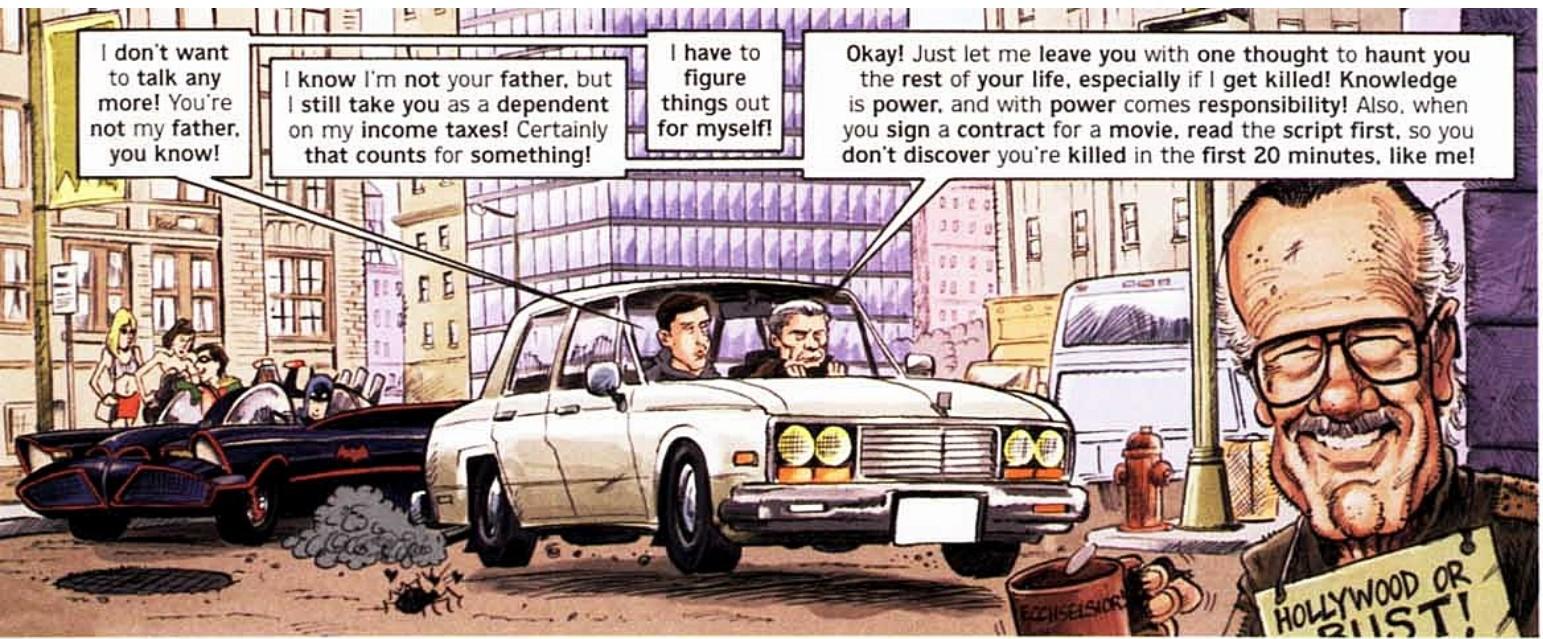
More like spider got my arm!

Changes happen! I went through exactly the same thing when I was your age!

Really? Didn't you find it weird to be able to spin webs from the holes in your wrists?

Uh, well, maybe I didn't go through exactly the same thing as you! But close!







Your newspaper offered a reward for pictures of Spider-Sham! Here they are!

A crystal clear picture of Spider-Sham stopping a bank holdup! A picture no other newspaper in the city has a prayer of getting! It's almost priceless! But I'll only give you \$50 for it because you did a real crappy job cropping it, kid!

I'd rather have a job! With a salary!

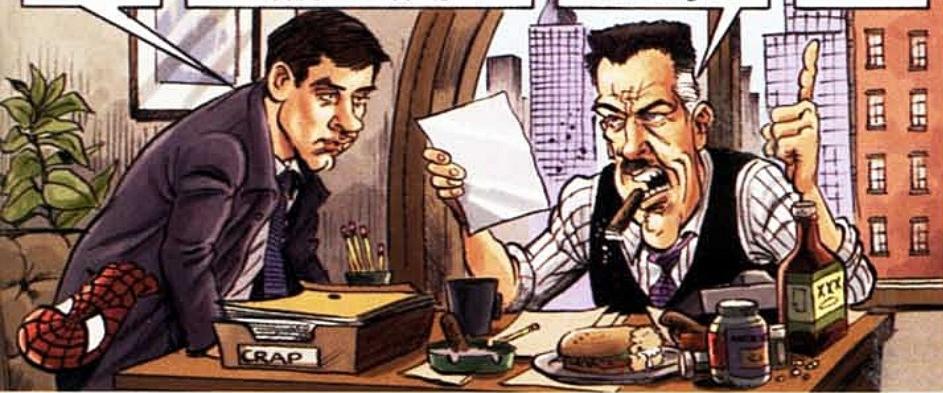
We don't offer jobs with a salary here! Everything we buy is just freelance and we own all rights!

Nuts! This publisher is a graduate from the William M. Gaines School of Business!

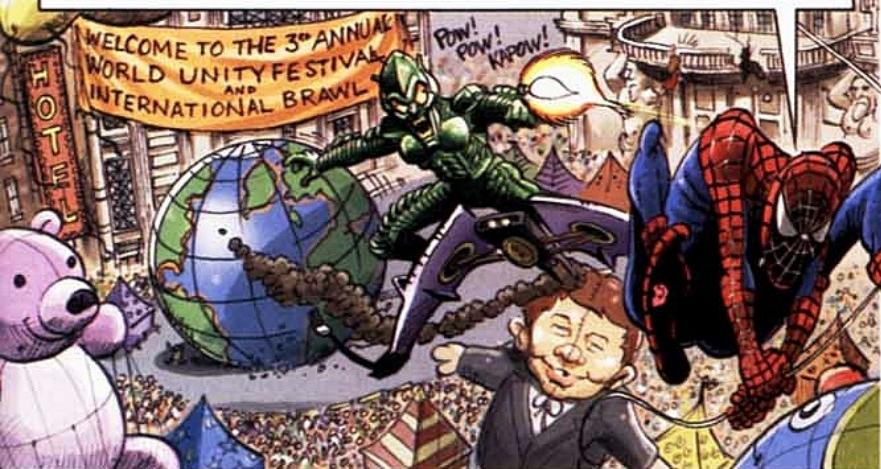
We need someone to cover the World Unity Festival! Spider-Sham is sure to show up there because of all the bedlam!

Why would there be bedlam at a Unity Festival?

In journalism school I majored in irony! Trust me, there'll be bedlam at the Unity Festival!



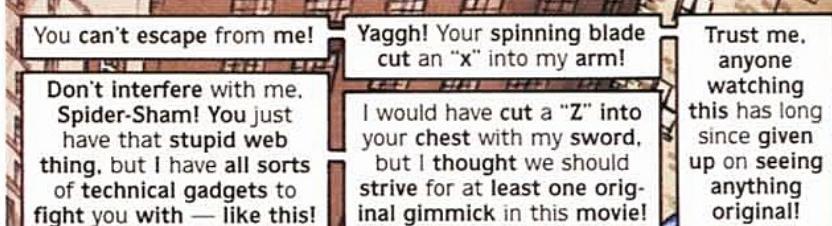
That newspaper editor really has a nose for news! The Unity Festival just started, and already a giant globe is rolling toward a helpless kid. MT is hanging on for dear life from a balcony and the Green Gasman is shooting at me! What am I going to do? Oh what am I going to do? I know! I'll move right into the next panel and pretend I didn't see a thing!

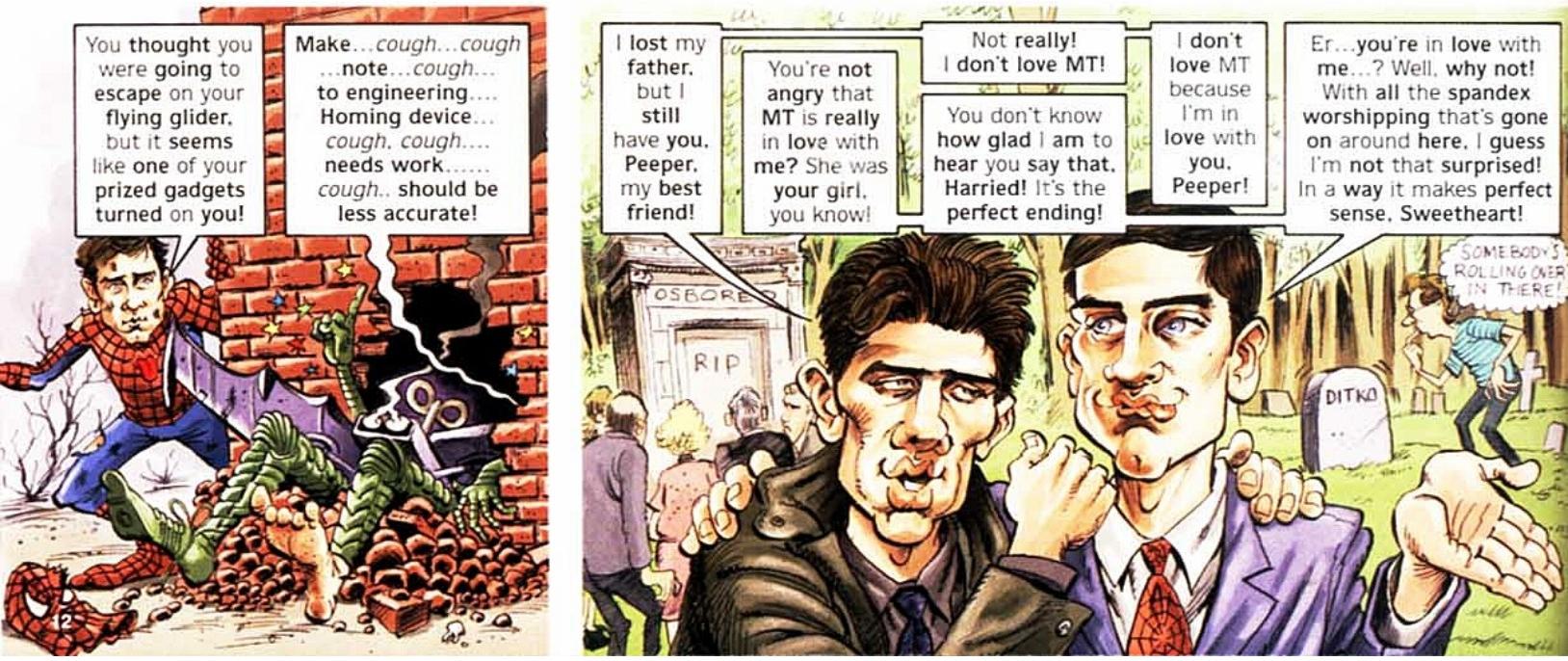
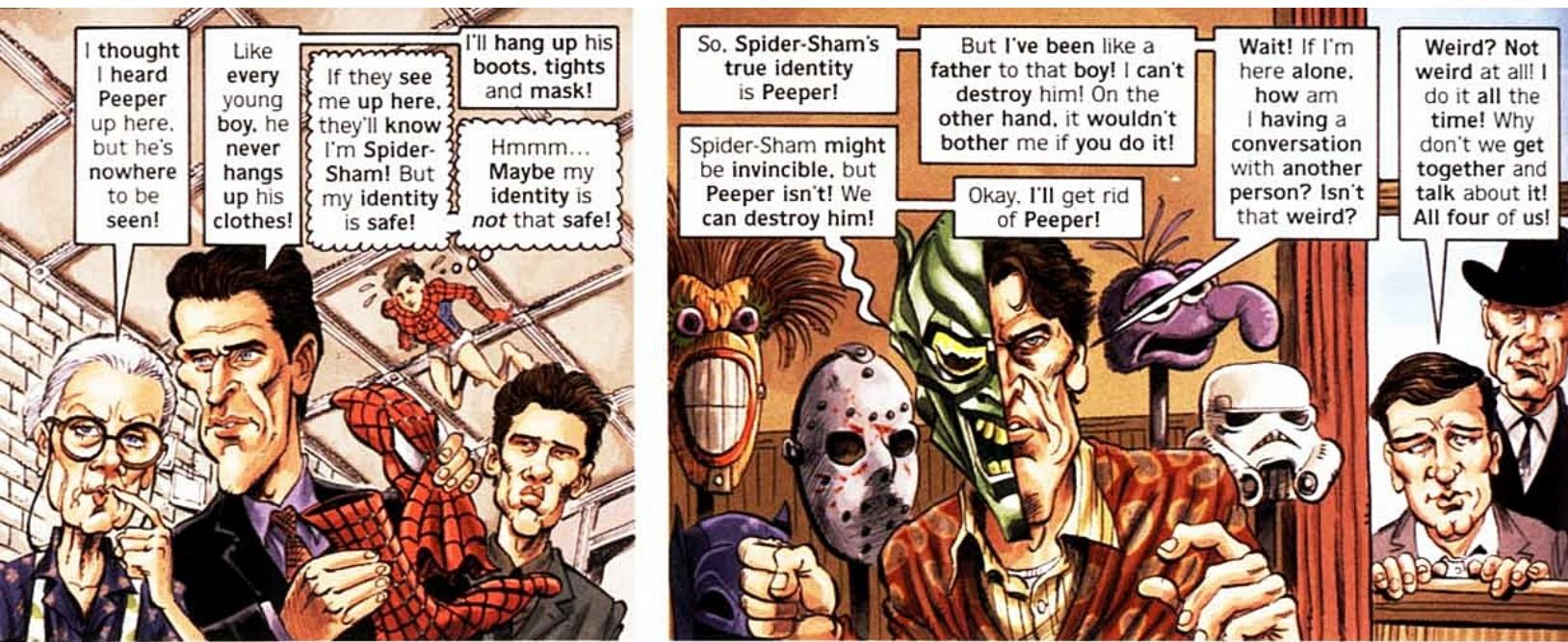


Spider-Sham saved me from that crumbling balcony and that child from the rolling globe!

Yes, but that globe flattened 20 people when Spider-Sham pushed it out of the way and the falling balcony crushed a dozen more!

Let me clue you in on superhero rescues! You concentrate on who the superhero saved and NEVER mention how many people the superhero had to sacrifice to do it!





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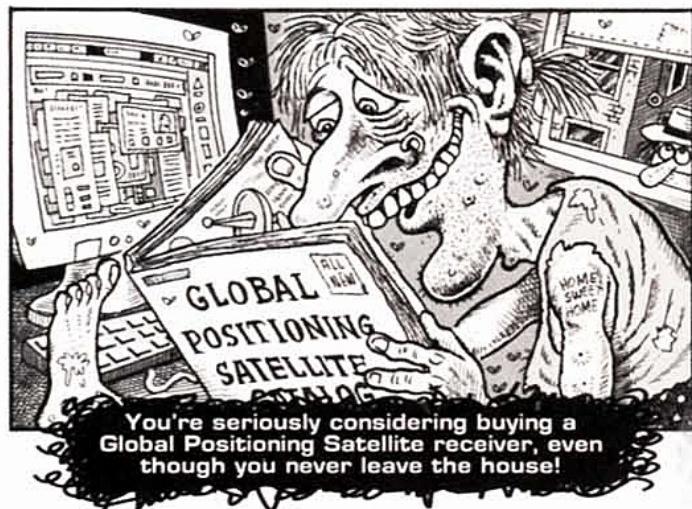


TECH-NO PRISONERS DEPT.

Something bizarre has happened to Americans during the last decade or so. (And no, we're not referring to "the ability to tolerate Carrot Top!") Used to be, we as a people craved independence, getting away from it all and being left the hell alone! That is, until the advent of the PC and the Internet. Now it seems all we want to do is get wired and connect up to more and more people, by newer and faster methods, for less and less of a good reason! And, of course, this being America, some of us get way, way too carried away — a fate that you can avoid by being aware of the...



You dream in Javascript and Hypertext Markup Language!



You're seriously considering buying a Global Positioning Satellite receiver, even though you never leave the house!

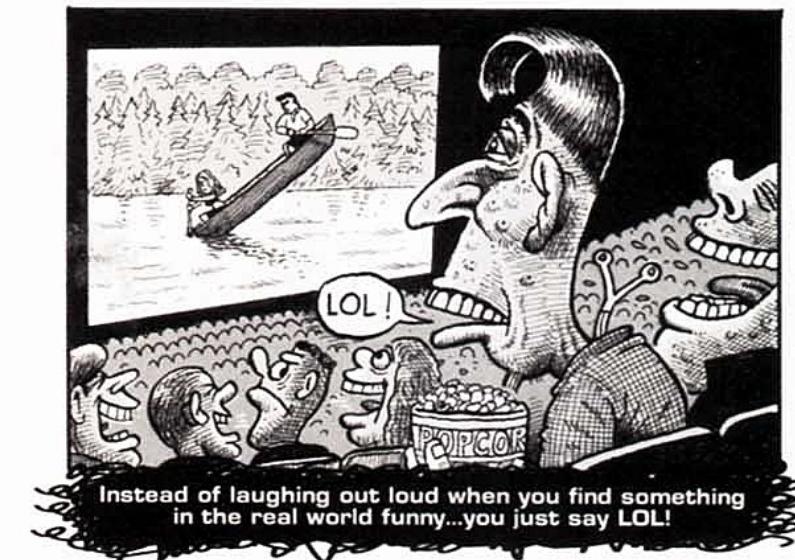


You stumble upon a website link that lets you watch streaming video of somebody's coffee machine in Denmark for 24 hours a day...and you click on it!

12 SIGNS YOU MAY BE TOO WIRED



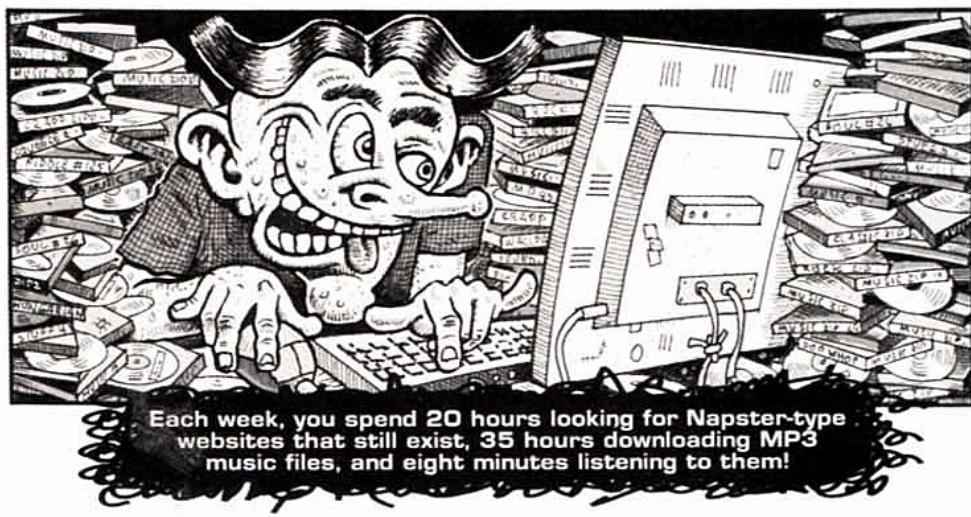
You spend so much time on sports websites, Internet fantasy leagues and instant score pager services that you haven't actually seen a game in years!



Instead of laughing out loud when you find something in the real world funny...you just say LOL!



You actually think that "What's your modem speed?" is a good pick-up line!



Each week, you spend 20 hours looking for Napster-type websites that still exist, 35 hours downloading MP3 music files, and eight minutes listening to them!

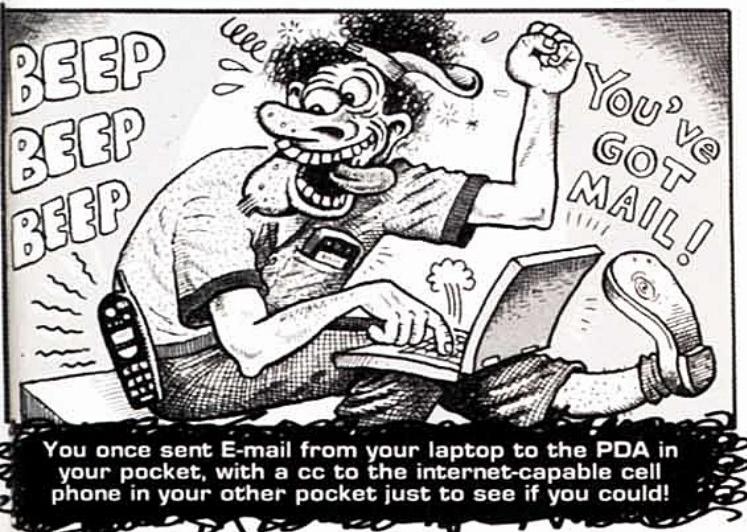


You need a password-protected list of all your other passwords!

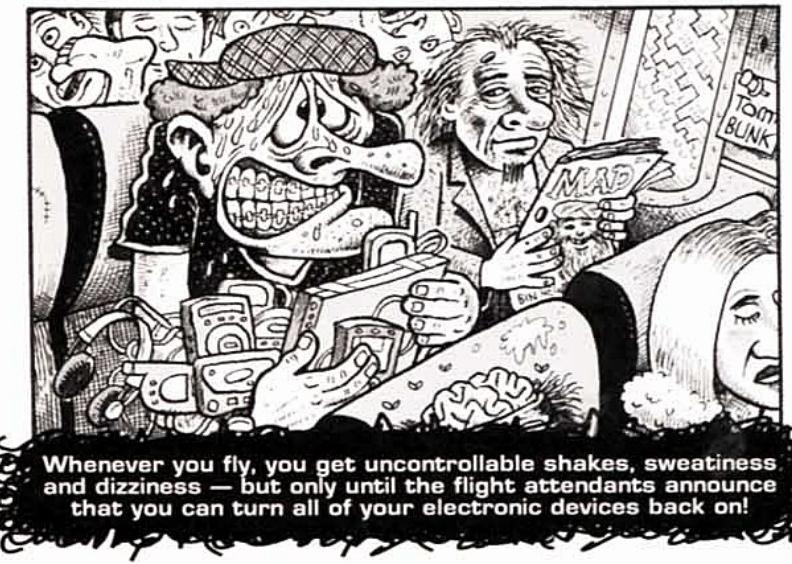


That coffee machine in Denmark website you clicked on? You bookmark it!

ARTIST: TOM BUNK
WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



You once sent E-mail from your laptop to the PDA in your pocket, with a cc to the internet-capable cell phone in your other pocket just to see if you could!



Whenever you fly, you get uncontrollable shakes, sweatiness and dizziness — but only until the flight attendants announce that you can turn all of your electronic devices back on!



DUKE BISSELL'S TALES OF UNDISPUTED INTEREST

WHILE WALKING IN THE WOODS ONE DAY I CAME UPON A CACHE OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES.



BEING THE GOOD CITIZEN I WAS BROUGHT UP TO BE IMMEDIATELY CALLED IN PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT SUCH THINGS.



THEY HAD MISHANDLED EXPLOSIVES SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST AND EVEN SPENT SOME TIME IN JAIL FOR RUNNING GUNS DOWN IN ANTARCTICA.



I KNEW THEY WERE ILLEGAL BECAUSE THE DISCLAIMER SAID SO.



WHEN MY PARENTS FINALLY SHOWED UP I KNEW IT WAS A MISTAKE TO HAVE CALLED THEM.



AS A RESULT OF MY MISJUDGMENT I HAD TO REPORT THEM TO THE POLICE ONCE AGAIN AND THEY ENDED UP SPENDING THE REST OF THEIR LIVES IN JAIL.



THEY'RE REVOLTING!



TEAM UP. POWER UP. BLOW UP. ODDWORLD NEEDS YOU.



No really, they're revolting, uprising against the conniving, corporate clods of Oddworld that are eating an entire species to extinction. And you can join the fight. Be both Munch and his flatulent friend Abe in cooperative game play. Hit some twisted power-ups along the way, and lead the revolution against the misguided power mongers. C'mon. The fate of Oddworld is in your hands.



COMIC MISCHIEF
VIOLENCE



POWER-UPS TO THE PEOPLE!

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RED, WHITE AND BOO-BOO'S DEPT.

There's no denying that the tragic events of the past year have united our nation, brought people together and served as a rallying point for a renewed sense of patriotism and pride in America. Citizens are expressing their sense of national spirit in so many positive, constructive ways — donating money to charities, volunteering in their communities, conserving energy to lessen our dependence on petroleum and others. Some people, though, as well-meaning and pure of heart as their intentions may be, just seem to miss the mark. You'll see exactly what we mean as...

MAD EXAMINES SOME EXAMPLES OF MISDIRECTED PATRIOTISM

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: CHARLIE KADAU



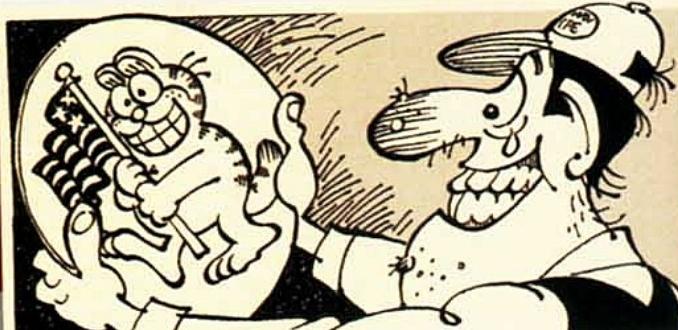
BURREL, WYOMING — To demonstrate his love for the USA, Mitchell Cafneris shoots a Bald Eagle and has it stuffed and put on display in his Subaru dealership.



FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA — Wal-Mart clerk Ricky Perner shows his solidarity with New York's bravest, and scores with lots more women now that he tells them he's a fireman.



CHATSWORTH, CALIFORNIA — Adult-video producer Shep Powers shelves his entire spring schedule of movies to rush-release a series of patriotic-themed x-rated tapes, including "Yank My Doodle, It's a Dandy!" "Shaving Ryan's Privates" and "Behind Enemy Behinds."



SIOUX CITY, IOWA — Chip Martinson reduces his donation to the 9-11 Fund to \$5 so he can celebrate our nation's spirit by getting the \$50 "Limited Edition Garfield Waving an American Flag Collector's Plate" on QVC.



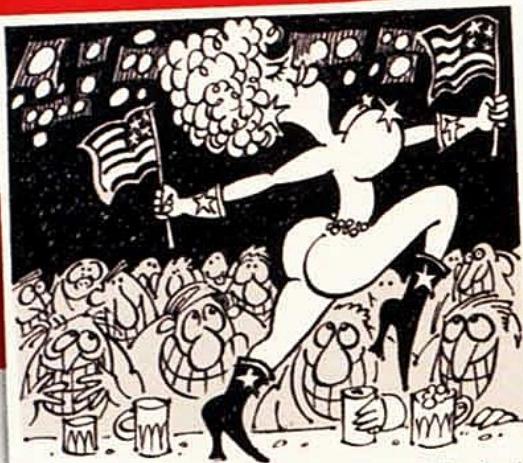
DULUTH, MINNESOTA — Short order cook Butch Beringer hocks up a loogie and mixes it in the hamburger he's cooking because the customer "sort of looks like one of them Middle Eastern Arabs" (he was actually born and raised in Milwaukee).



MACON, GEORGIA — Proctologist Ethan Silverman performs exams on any patients with Muslim-sounding names in an Uncle Sam costume — just to show who's boss.



SEATTLE, WASHINGTON — Jonelle Wenshaw programs the ringer on her cell phone to play all three stanzas of The Star Spangled Banner, and every time she gets a call she lets it play in its entirety before answering.



TAMPA, FLORIDA — Topless dancer "Amber" begins working exclusively in her sequined stars-and-stripes G-string, "Because anyone watching it will immediately think of the brave men and women serving overseas."



MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS — Carl Petrie buys a big American flag to show everybody our country won't let any Mid-East nation push us around — and proudly displays it by driving it all over town in his S.U.V.



SAYERVILLE, NEW JERSEY — Ed Petutski spams thousands of internet mailboxes with a low-res scan of his crudely drawn picture of Rudy Giuliani taking a whiz on Osama Bin Laden.



SANDUSKY, OHIO — The Ackerman Joke and Novelty Company begins emblazoning its packages of plastic Doggie Doo with the declaration, "Proudly Made in the USA."

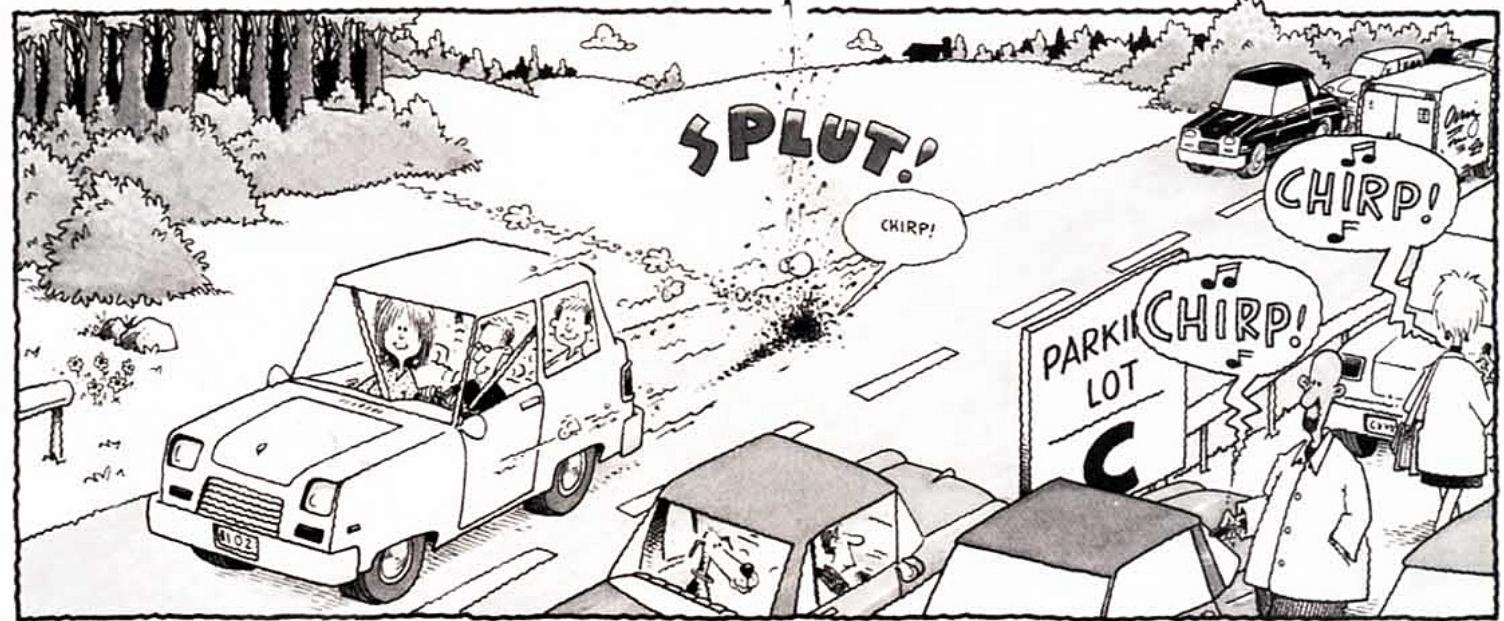
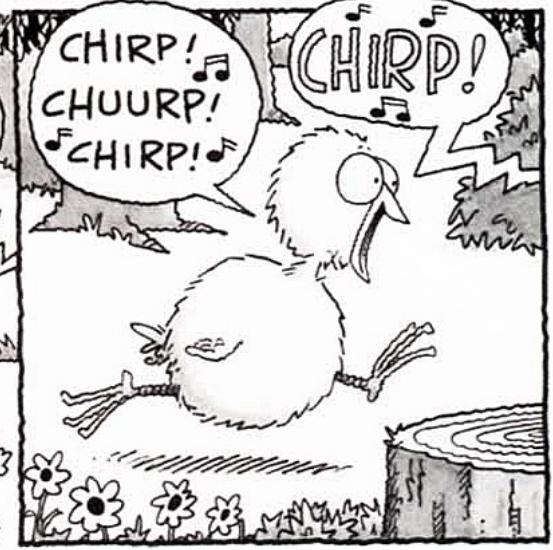


LAKELAND, WISCONSIN — Shirley Lender, certain other Americans will also want to show their support for the heroes of New York, orders a thousand unlicensed "FDNY" and "NYPD" T-shirts from factories in Malaysia, China and Thailand to begin selling on the internet.



CAR AND FEATHERED DEPT.

DRAMA ON PAGE 20



As we all eagerly await the release of Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones, we also all eagerly await word on what the heck the darn movie's about. Director George Lucas has been extremely secretive about the plot, but we've managed to find out that it apparently revolves around clones who attack someone (and may even be attacked themselves)! Unfortunately, aside from this scoop, we've come up empty, and offer you instead....

THE 21 HOTTEST INTERNET RUMORS REGARDING **STAR WARS** EPISODE II: ATTACK OF THE CLONES



THE 21 HOTTEST INTERNET RUMORS REGARDING STAR WARS EPISODE II: ATTACK OF THE CLONES



1 A new space-pimp character, "Shutt Yo-Mowff," was deemed inappropriate and cut from the film; character is scheduled to have his own series on UPN.



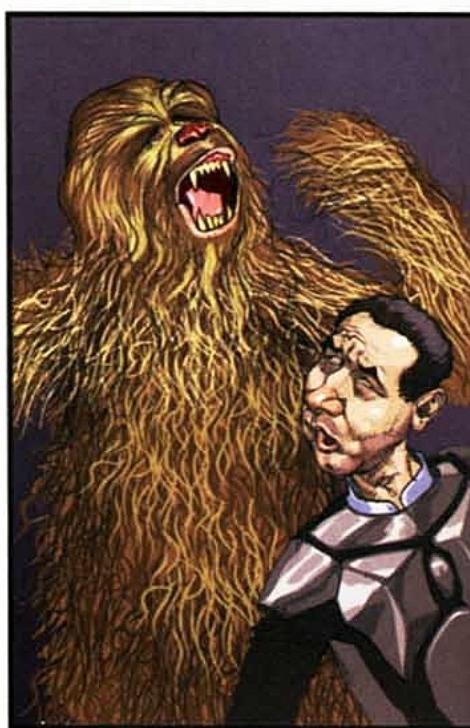
2 The entire movie is dubbed into an obscure Naboo dialect, with Huttese subtitles at the bottom of the screen, and a window in the top right corner in which an interpreter provides Gungan sign language.



3 Foreshadowing his move to the Dark Side, Anakin reacts violently when he's told that "got your nose" is not a Jedi mind trick.



4 In a controversial move by the Republic, former space sitcom stars ALF and Mork from Ork are granted seats on the Jedi Council.



5 We're finally treated to a translation of the Wookiee language, and we learn that whenever a Wookiee roars, it means, "Kiss my hairy ass!"



6 In a cost-saving move, Jabba The Hutt's court is replaced by a gaggle of melting Nazis who just opened the Ark of the Covenant.



7 Anakin first expresses his interest in Amidala when he uses The Force to undo her bra.



8 Proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that the film's editor was asleep at the wheel, there's a scene in which Anakin is present at his own birth.



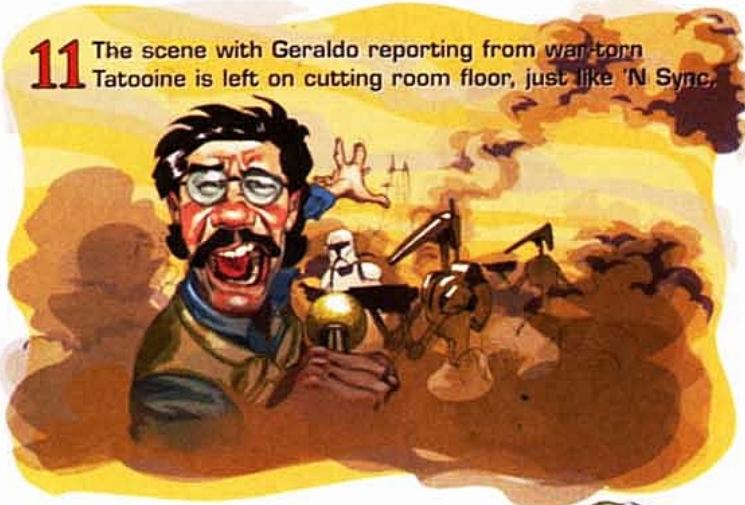
9 Anakin's sexual naiveté contributes to his impregnating Amidala; while having sex with her, he puts a condom on his light saber.



10 Obi-Wan incites a bloody interplanetary war when, at a cocktail party for the Prime Minister of Rigel 4, he eats a creamy, delicious pudding, which turn out to be the Prime Minister of Rigel 4.

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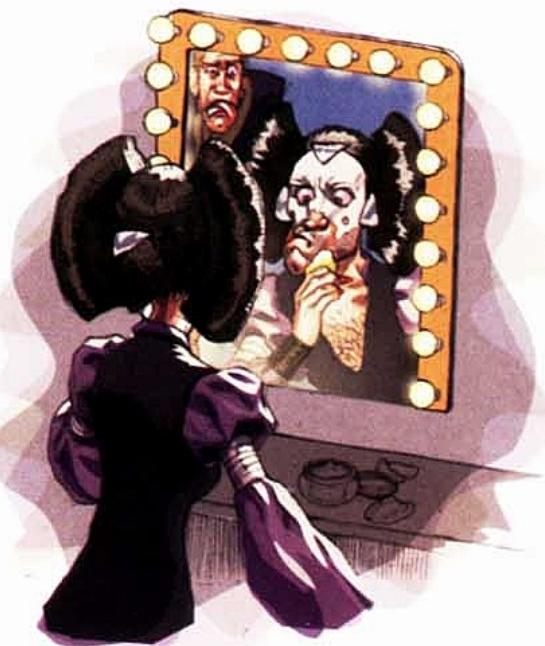
11 The scene with Geraldo reporting from war-torn Tatooine is left on cutting room floor, just like 'N Sync.



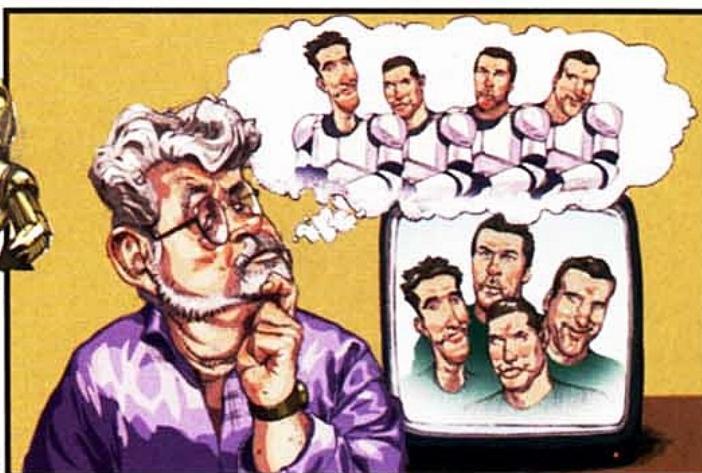
13 In the film's scariest moment, R2D2 is captured by a giant ogre and used as a stick of roll-on deodorant.



12 After having already seen the forest planet, the ice planet, the swamp planet, the cloud planet, the city planet and the water planet, we're finally treated to the papier-mâché planet, which goes up in flames when Yoda unexpectedly lights a cigar.

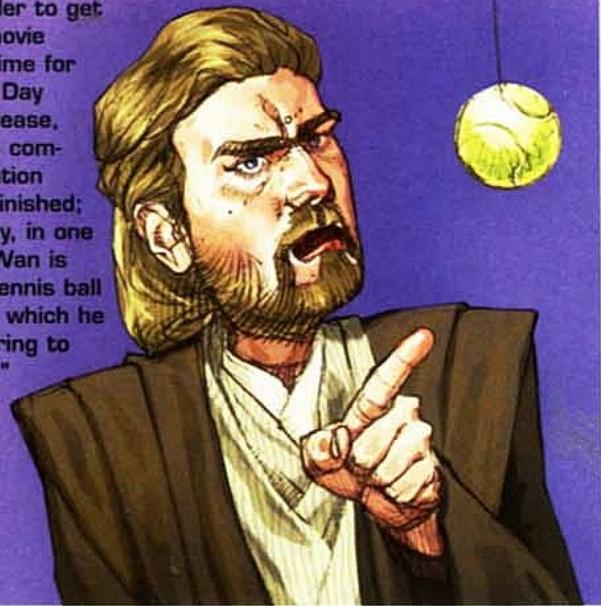


14 In some sort of intergalactic *Crying Game* homage, Queen Amidala takes off her Kabuki makeup...and she's a dude!



15 Lucas got the idea for clones after seeing an E! special on the Baldwin Brothers.

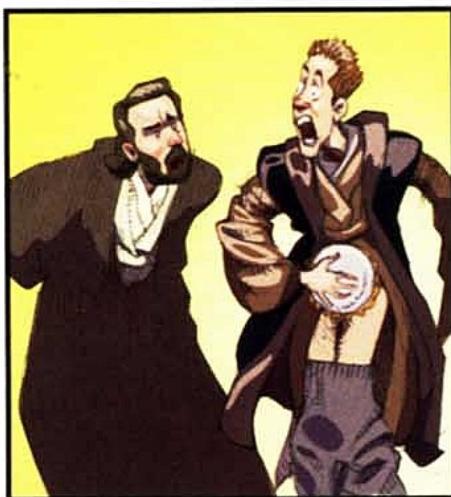
16 In order to get the movie finished in time for a Memorial Day weekend release, some of the computer animation was left unfinished; consequently, in one scene, Obi-Wan is scolding a tennis ball on a string, which he keeps referring to as "Jar Jar."



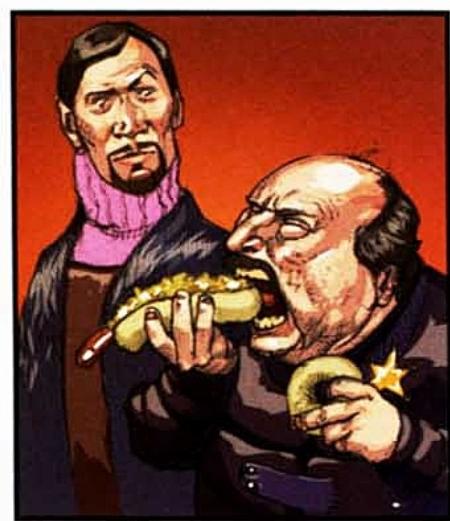
17 Lucas fired his set decorator mid-production when it was discovered that all of his matte paintings of alien landscapes were actually plagiarized Yes album covers from the early 1970s.



18 While intergalactic gangster Jabba the Hutt marries off his daughter, a nervous gelatinous cube sits outside the palace rehearsing the following speech: "It is my honor to be invited to your daughter's wedding, Donn Hutt. May the first child be a morbidly-obese child."



19 In hopes of attracting an even larger teen audience, Lucas added a scene in which Obi-Wan walks in on Anakin trying to hump a Carpathian cream pie.



20 Jimmy Smits plays Princess Leia's adoptive father and Dennis Franz makes a cameo as his partner, Eig, a trash-talking, unorthodox space-cop from the planet Zimbo.

21 In a blatant example of product placement we are introduced to a trio of new characters: X-BOX, TiVO and SUV.



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MAD/Sobe Sweepstakes. Void where prohibited.
No purchase necessary. Details on pg. 4

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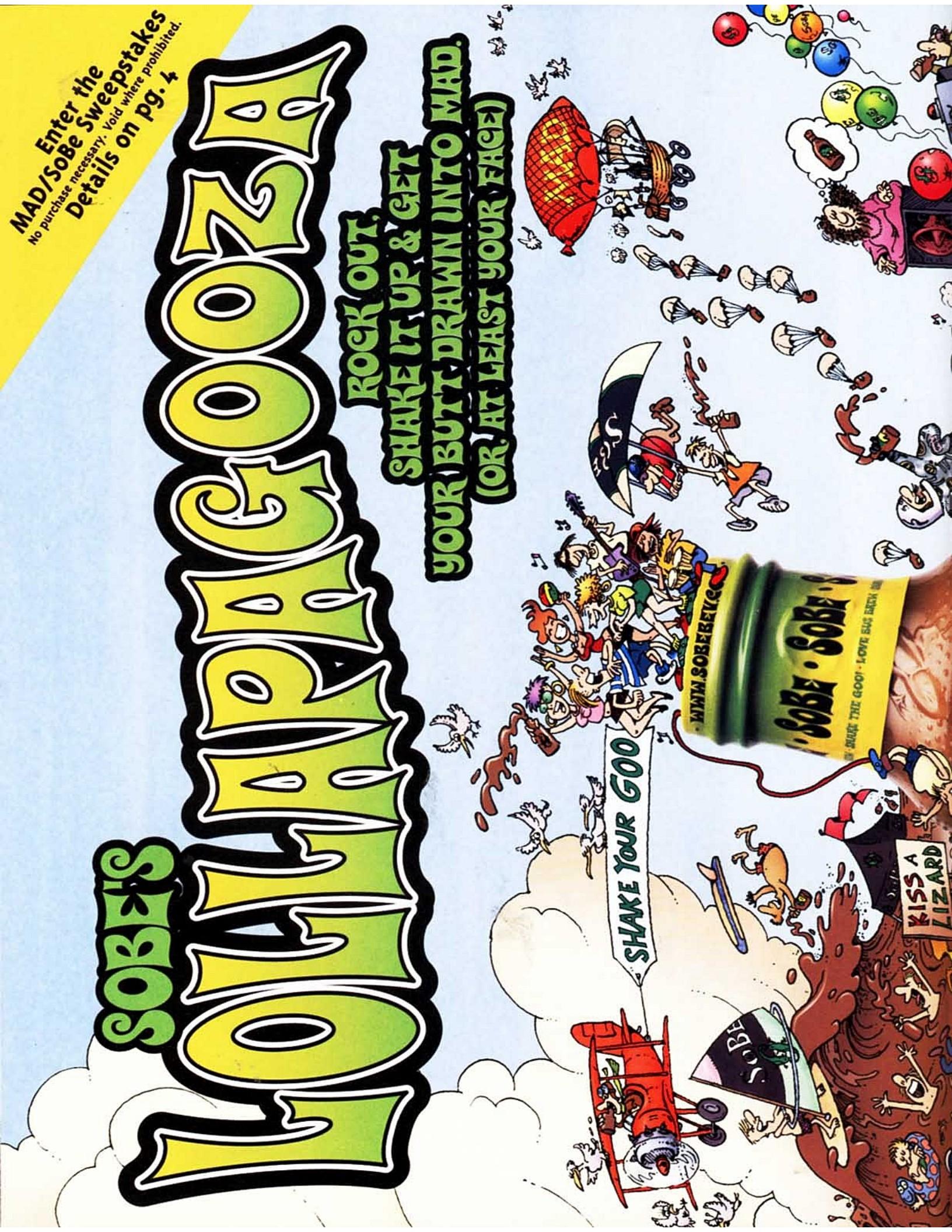
SOBE'S SHAKE YOUR GOO

ROCK OUT,
SHAKE IT UP & GET
YOUR BUTT DRAWN UNTO Y.H.D.
(OR AT LEAST YOUR FACE)

SHAKE YOUR GOO



KISS A LIZARD





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ANGSTER'S PARADISE DEPT.

And so
the student
becomes
the teacher.
It's....

Monroe

and...



NO, I MEAN
LITERALLY THIN-
SKINNED. EVERYWHERE
I TOUCHED HER SHE
STARTED SQUIRTING
BLOOD.



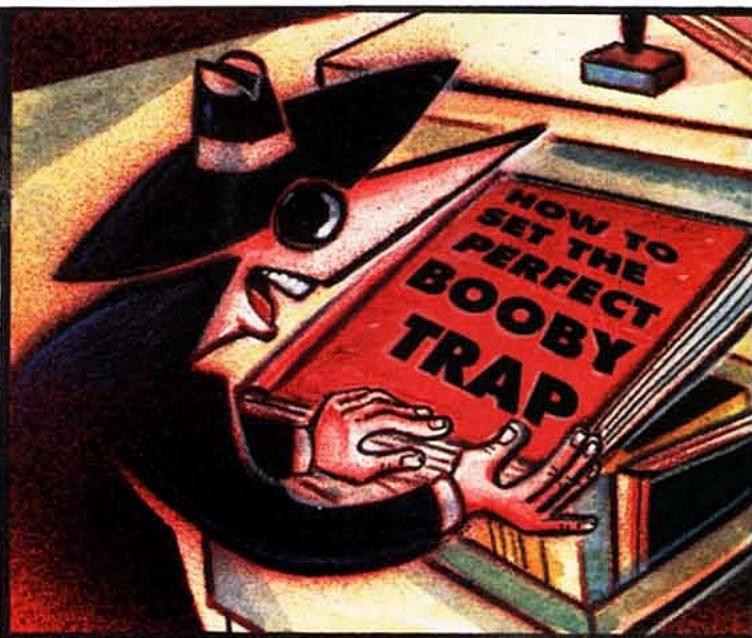
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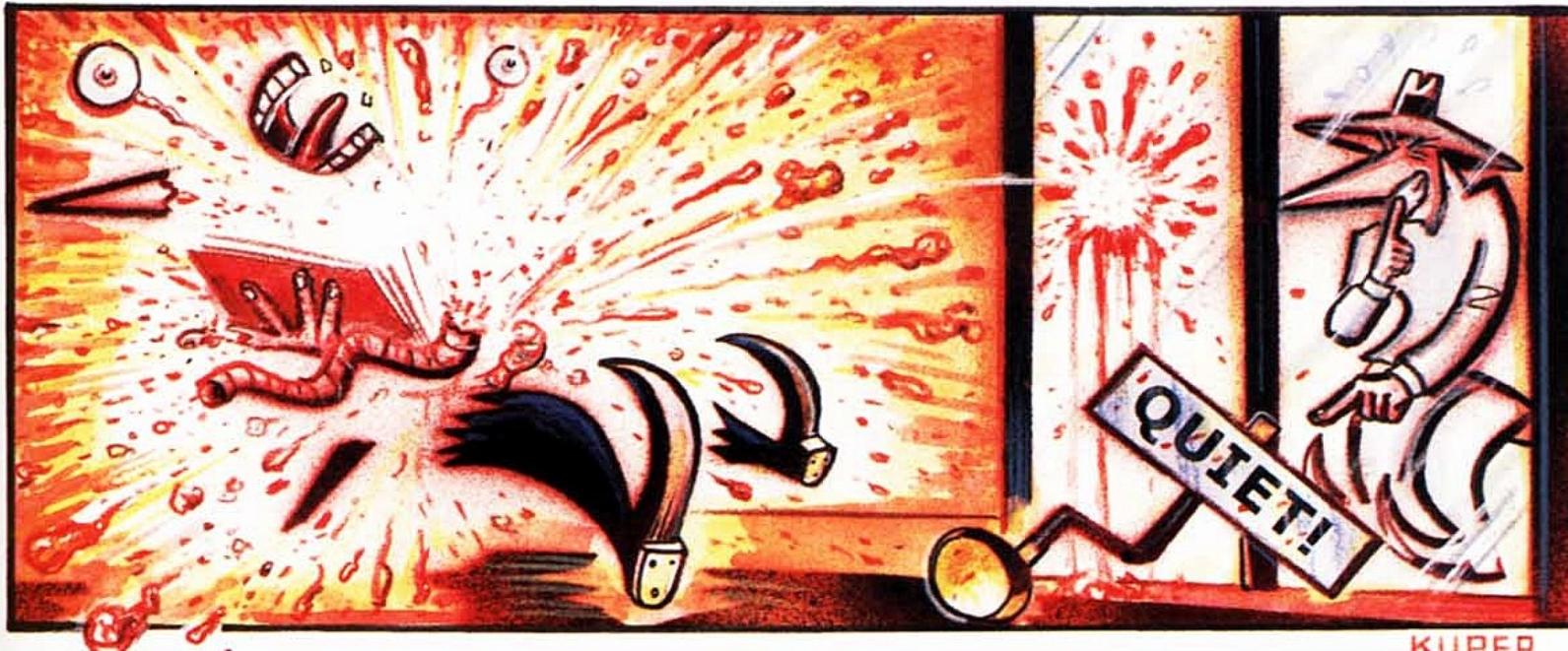
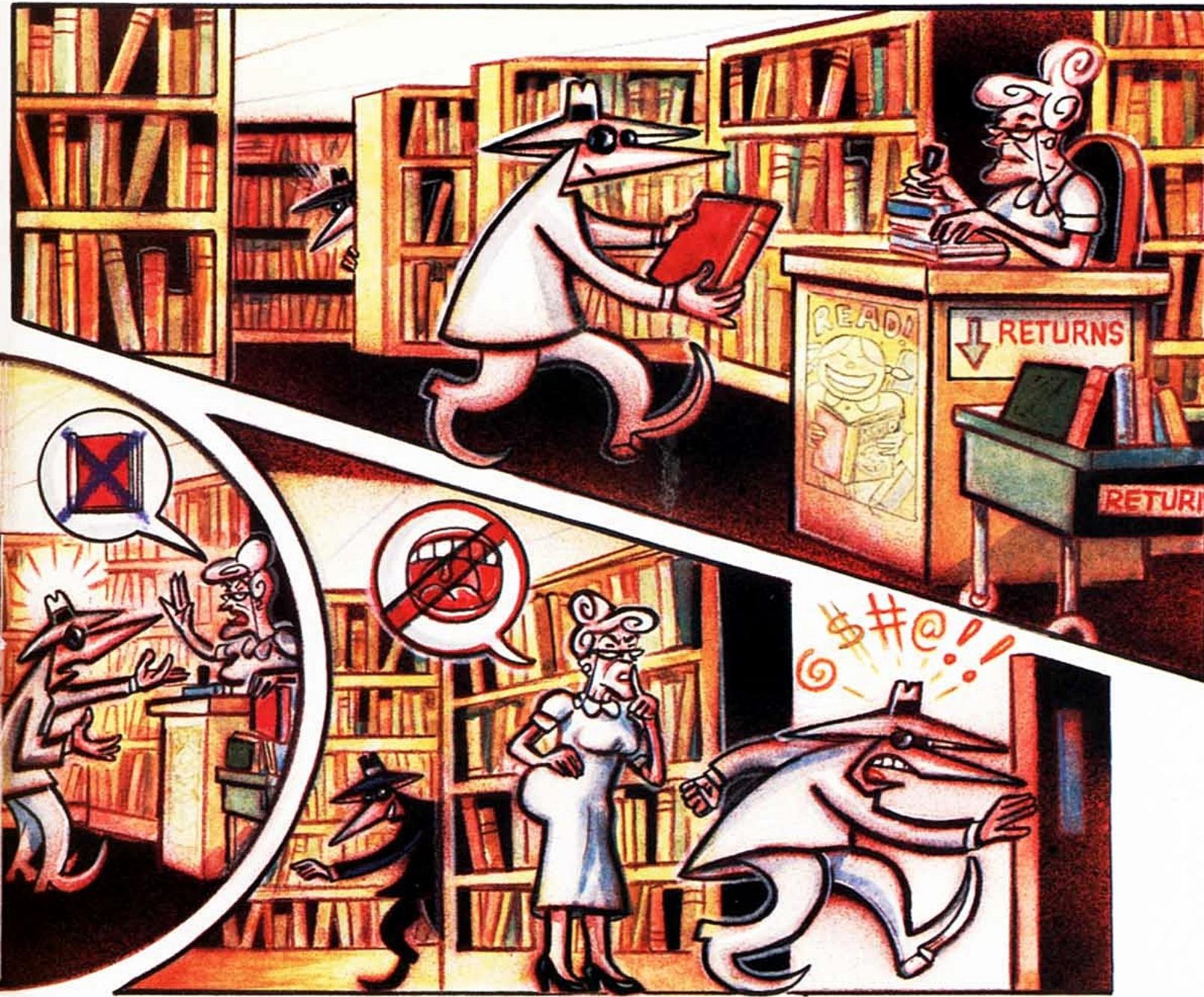


MoNrose











DUKE BISSELL'S TALES OF UNDISPUTED INTEREST

WHILE COOKING MY DINNER ONE NIGHT I DISCOVERED SOMETHING DISTURBING ON THE LABEL.



I DON'T KNOW WHY I NEVER NOTICED THIS BEFORE. AFTER ALL, I'VE BEEN EATING THE SAME THING EVERY NIGHT FOR MOST OF MY LIFE.



SO I IMMEDIATELY GOT ON THE HORN WITH THE MANUFACTURER.



THINKING THAT TAKING A MORE PERSONAL APPROACH WOULD AFFORD ME BETTER RESULTS, I HOPPED ON A BUS FOR THE FACTORY WHERE THE STUFF WAS MADE.



AFTER TRAVELING CROSS COUNTRY FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS I NEVER FOUND THE PLACE.



EVENTUALLY I JUST CAME BACK HOME AND CHANGED MY DIET.



P. C. VEY



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

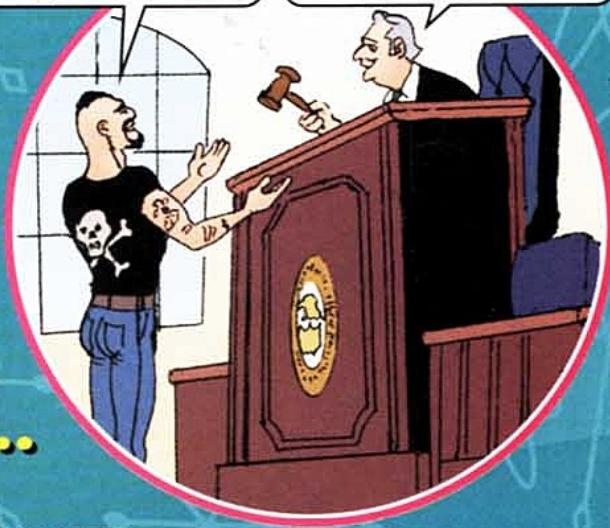
The Lighter Side of...



JUSTICE

Your Honor, I can prove I'm innocent if you give me some time!

Okay, I'll give you some time! How does six months in County Jail sound?



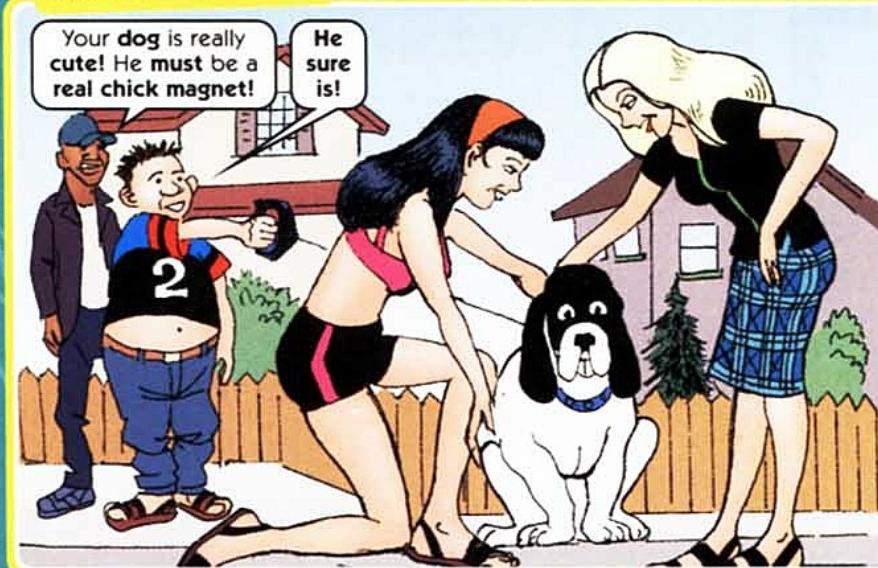
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PARENTS



ATTRACTION



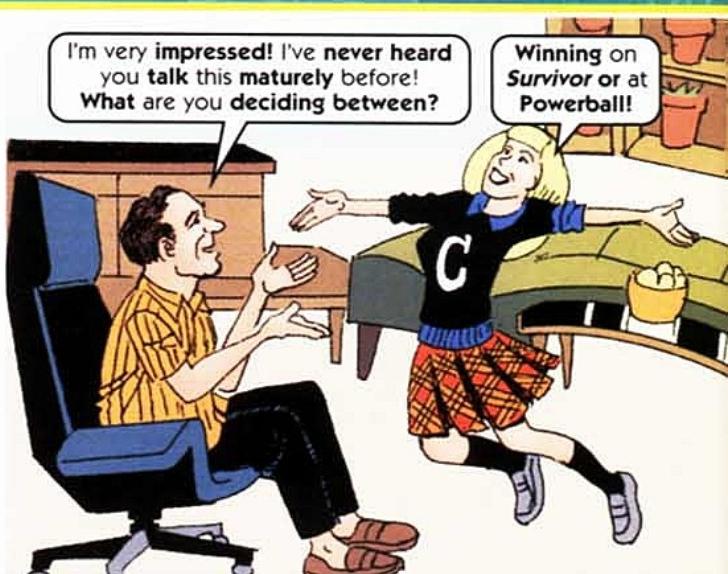
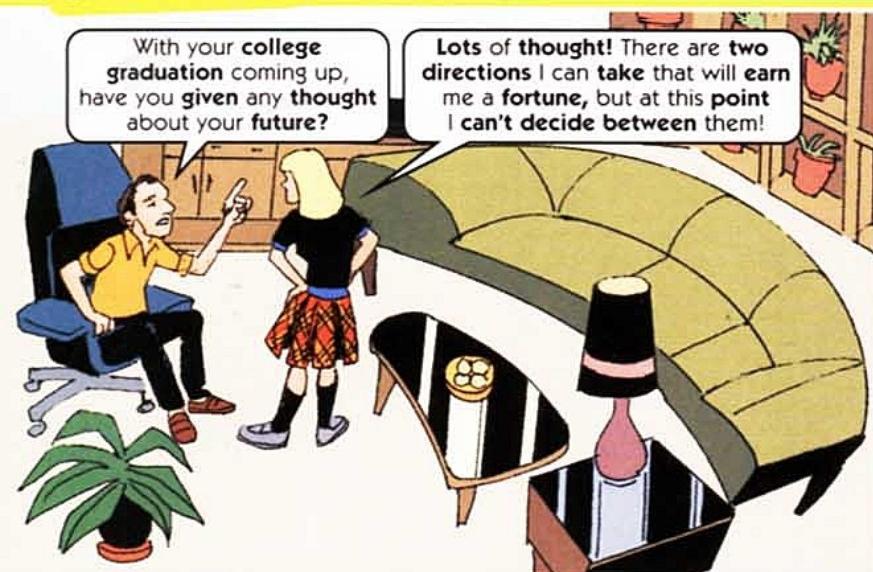
AMBITION

With your college graduation coming up, have you given any thought about your future?

Lots of thought! There are two directions I can take that will earn me a fortune, but at this point I can't decide between them!

I'm very impressed! I've never heard you talk this maturely before! What are you deciding between?

Winning on Survivor or at Powerball!



RELATIONSHIPS

I don't think you and I should go out anymore, Jerry! I need someone confident and assertive who can take a stand! All you do is waffle!

That's not true! I always take a stand on any issue!

More or less!



BUSINESS

Remsen, I've been watching your progress and I feel you can be a real asset to this company!



SHOPPING

Day old bagels go for half price!

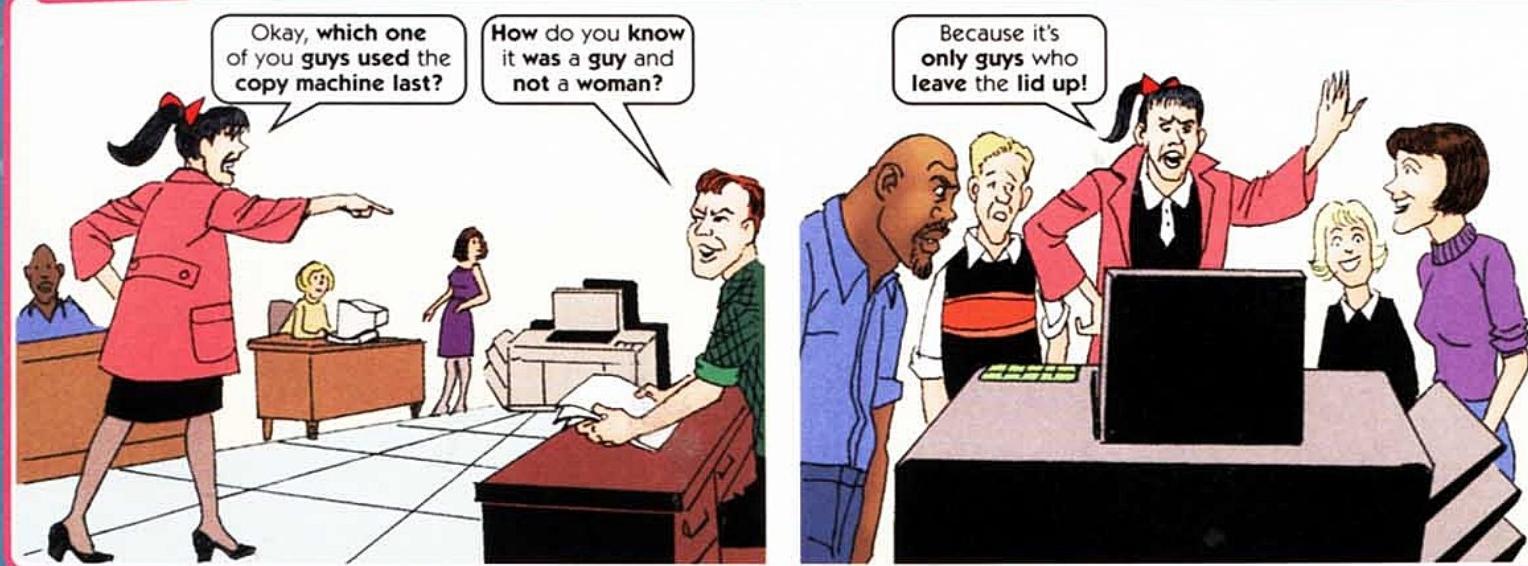
I'll have one dozen fresh bagels for half price!



I promise I won't eat them until tomorrow!



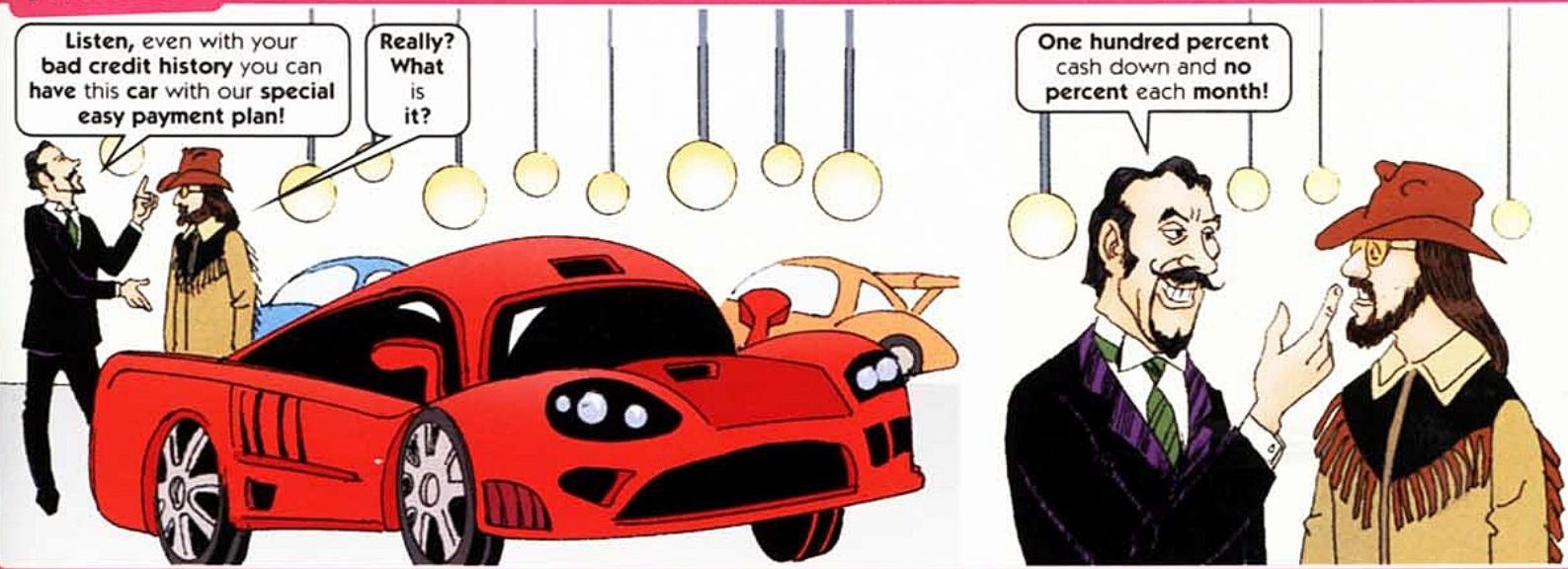
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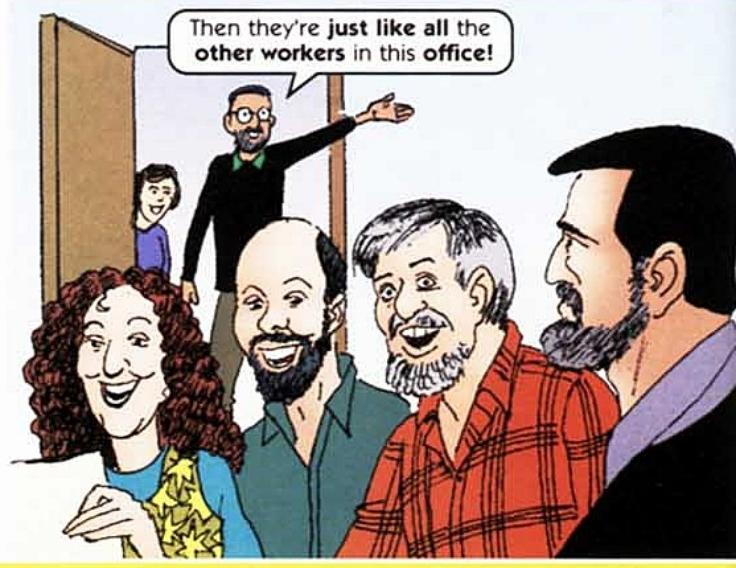
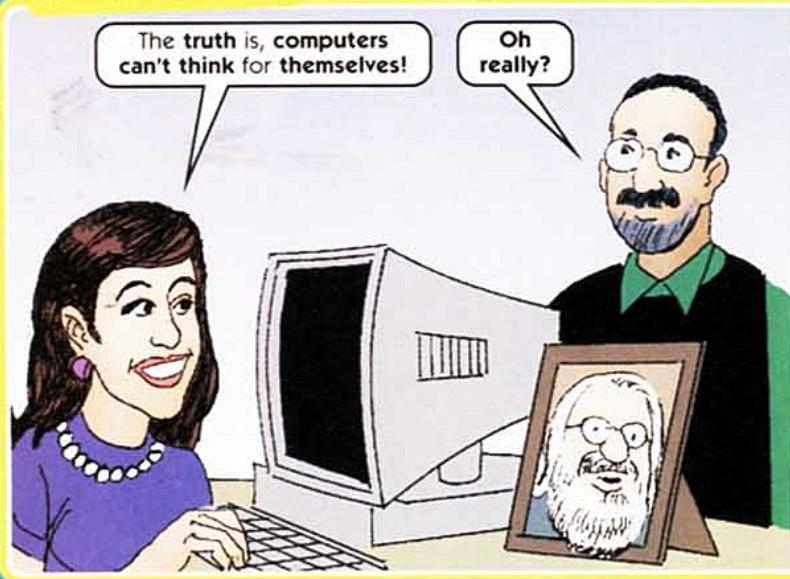
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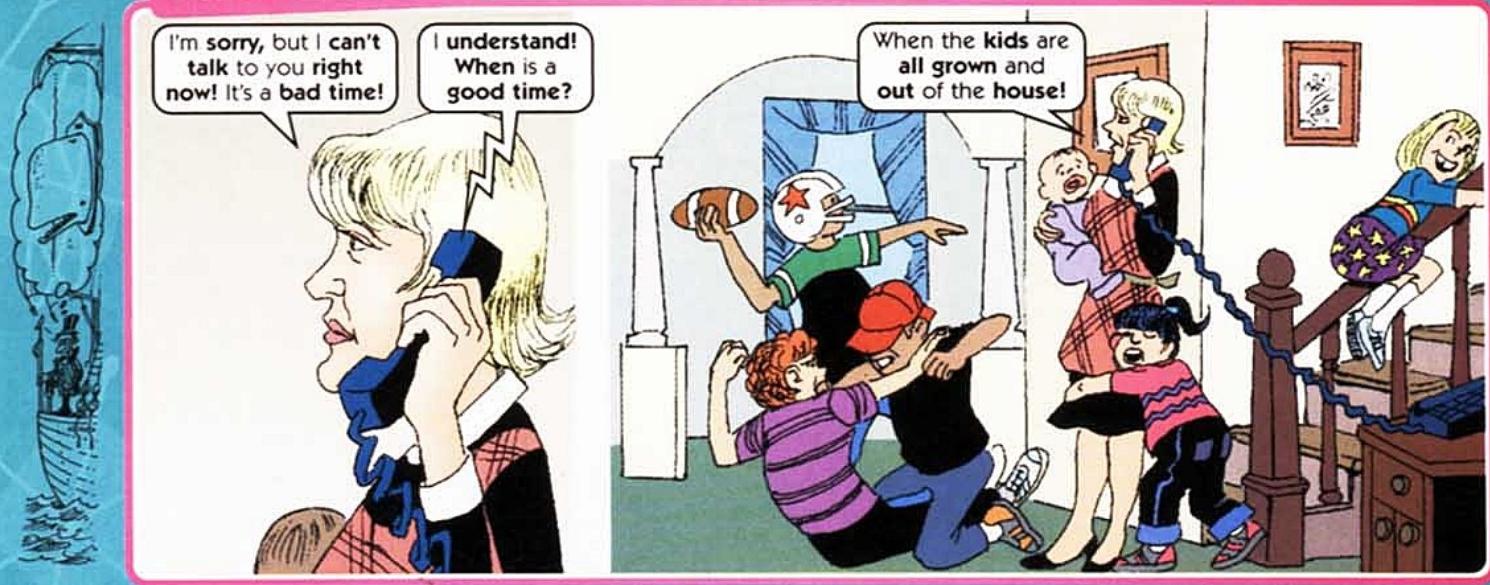
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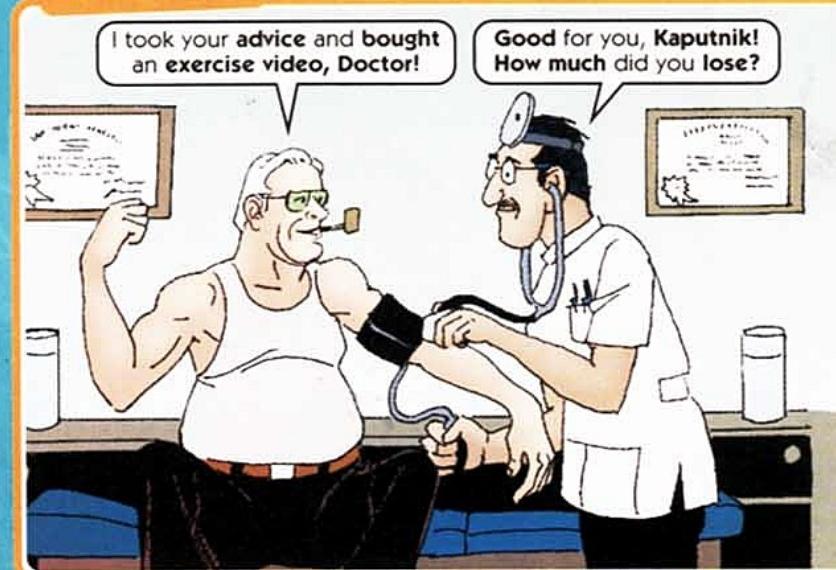
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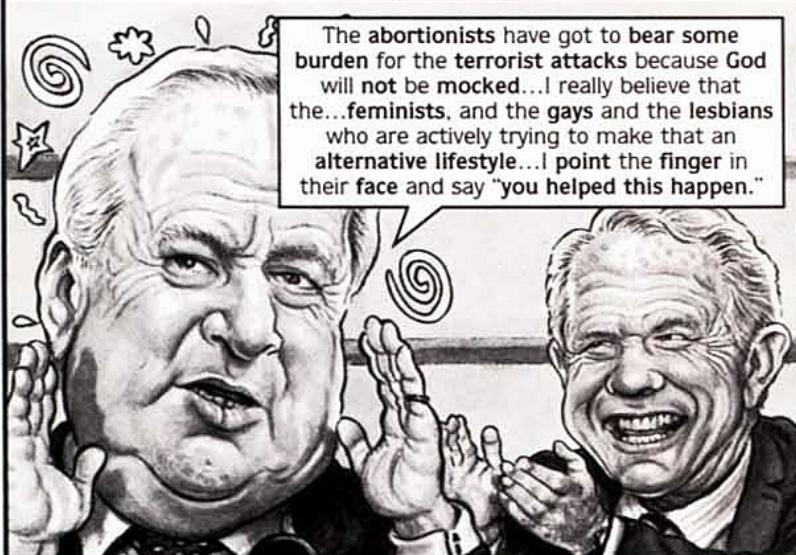
SEPARATE BUT EVIL DEPT.

In the last few months, spotting and combating terrorism has become the prime activity of our nation's military and law enforcement organizations. We citizens are also being asked to be vigilant and report any terrorist activities we see or suspect. Therefore, we need to be familiar with what behaviors, attitudes and beliefs terrorists possess. Using official government guidelines and profiles, we present the following public service to help our readers determine...

WHAT IS A TERRORIST?

A terrorist condemns anyone who doesn't agree with his religious viewpoints (even among members of his own faith)...

The abortionists have got to bear some burden for the terrorist attacks because God will not be mocked...I really believe that the...feminists, and the gays and the lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle...I point the finger in their face and say "you helped this happen."



...like Jerry Falwell or Pat Robertson.

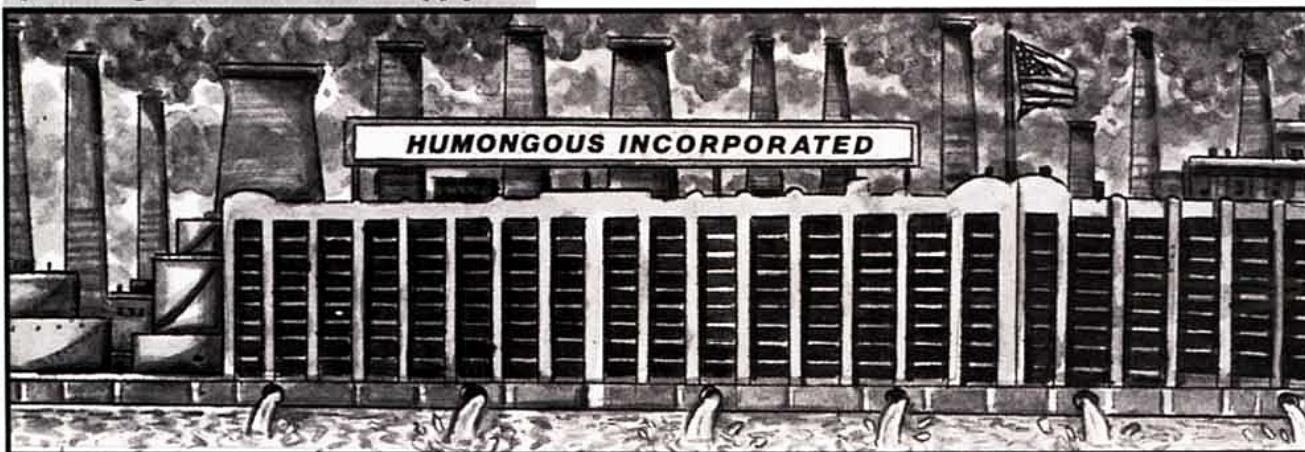
ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN
WRITER: BARRY LIEBMAN

A terrorist slavishly devotes himself to an egomaniacal, mentally disturbed leader...



...like many of Howard Stern's fans.

A terrorist wouldn't think twice about poisoning our air and water supply...



...like many American industries.



WHAT IS A TERRORIST?

A terrorist incites people to commit acts that no sane person would even think of trying...



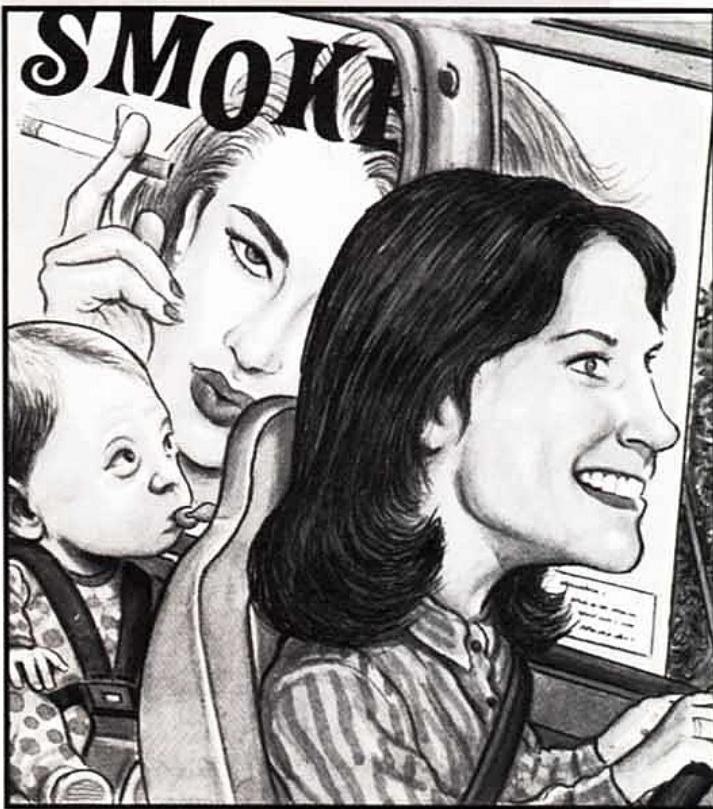
...like the producers of *Fear Factor*.

A terrorist selects his leaders without giving one thought to what the general population wants...



...like Katherine Harris,
James Baker and Jeb Bush.

A terrorist indoctrinates children at very young ages as part of a campaign that will ultimately result in thousands of deaths...



...like the tobacco industry.

A terrorist does not respect human rights or our constitutional freedoms, and acts as a law unto himself...



...like the I.R.S.

**A terrorist shows his utter contempt for women by
the absurd way they force them to appear in public...**



...like women's fashion designers.

**A terrorist is often
described as mean...**



...like Bobby Knight,

sullen...



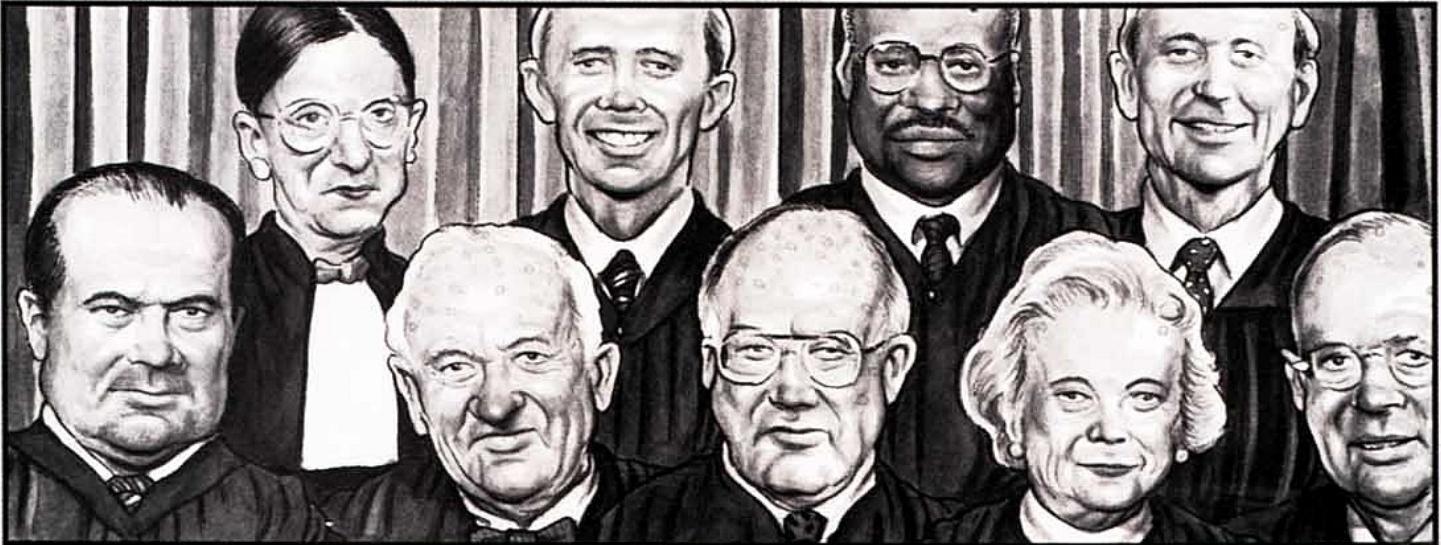
...like Snoop Dogg,

humorless...



...like Adam Sandler,

and utterly devoid of any real ethics, morals or objectivity...

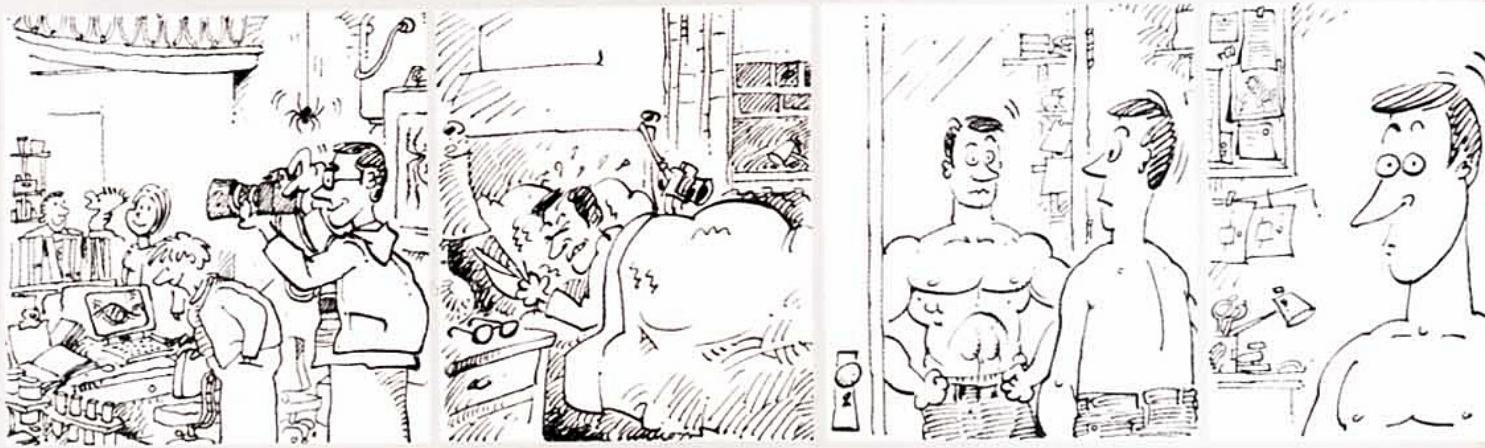


...like the Supreme Court.



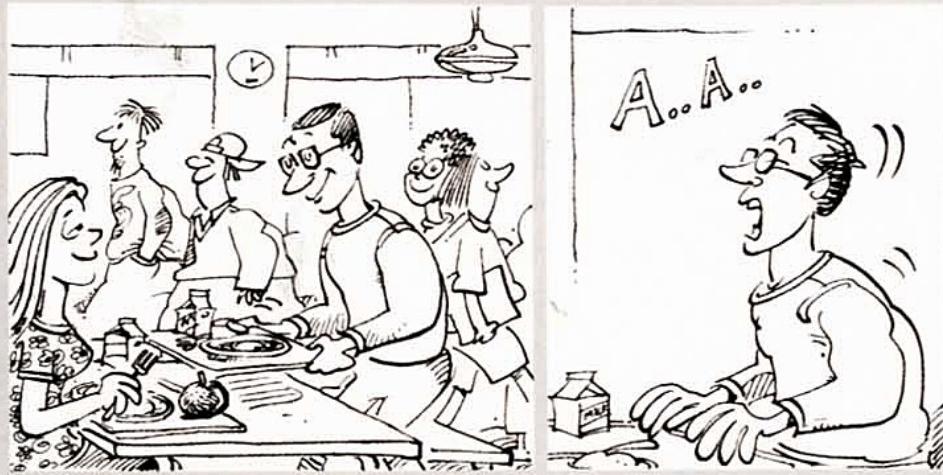
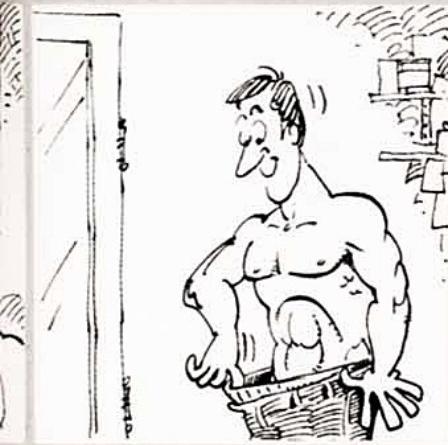
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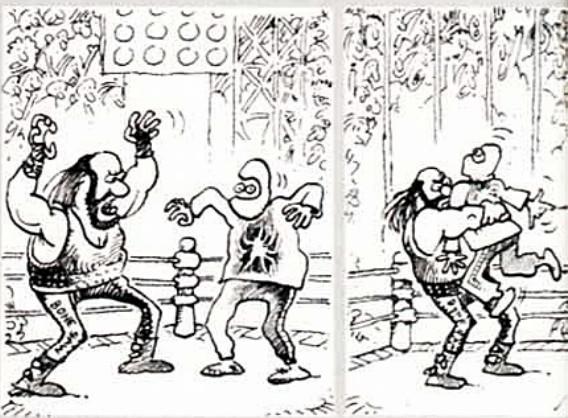
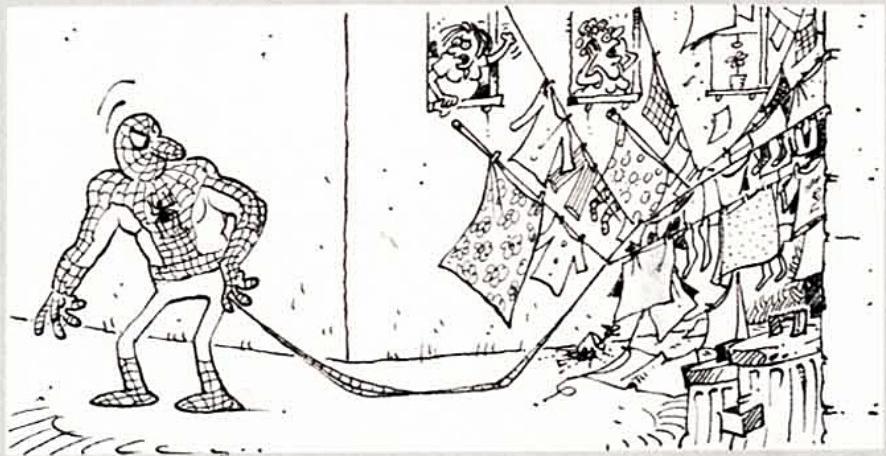
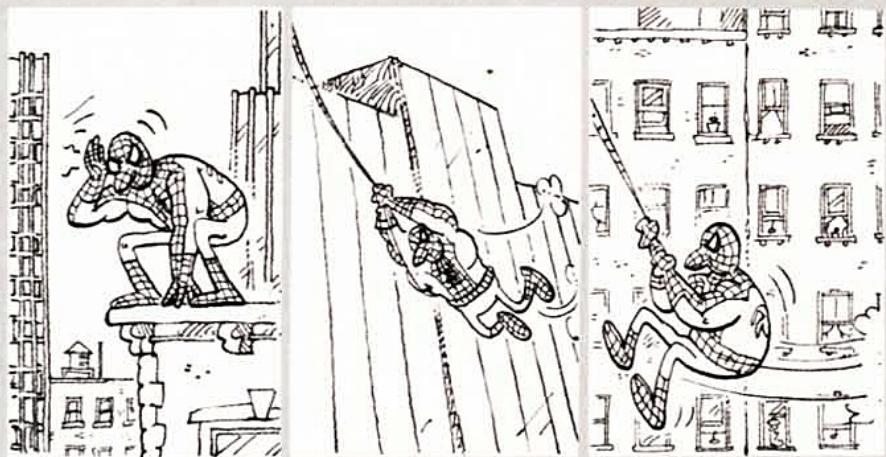
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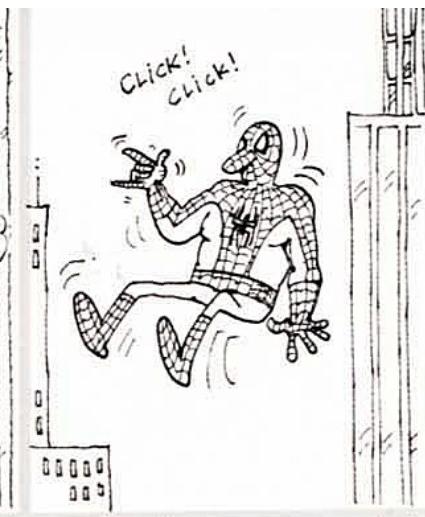


SPIDER-MAN

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONÉS









THE BROTHERS GRIM DEPT.

There are many ways to measure dumbness and stupidity. For instance, if we use distances, locking your keys in your car would be a four-inch mistake. Betting on the Red Sox to win the World Series would be a 28-inch error. Voting for Pat Buchanan when you meant to mark

SIX FEET

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

I'm Root Fishhead, the uptight and repressed matriarch of the Fishhead and Sons Funeral Home family! My husband is cold, lifeless and unresponsive — which is okay, because he's dead! Unfortunately, he was that way BEFORE he died, too! Even though I had an affair while he was alive, he's forgiven me and we spend more time together now than ever! Just the other day we were watching TV...we saw *Crossing Over*...what a fraud that John Edward is!

Imagine, someone claiming he can talk to the dead!

Hello, reader! I'm Gayvid Fishhead and it's so refreshing to speak to someone who isn't trying to plan a wake! The other day I heard the doorbell ring and I made arrangements for a \$12,000 funeral before I realized it was the U.P.S. man! I did think his brown shorts was an odd choice for mourning clothes! I'm also a gay man who hasn't yet come out of the closet, or maybe in my case, the casket! Right now I'm worried about this guy Gelato who wants to take over our funeral home now that my father has died! No way can I give up the undertaking business — I love the smell of embalming fluid in the morning!



the box for Al Gore is a five-and-a-half foot howler. The biggest gaffe of all, however, is putting a TV show on the air about a dysfunctional family and their aberrant friends, setting the whole thing in a funeral home, and expecting it to be entertaining! That's what we call a...

BLUNDER

WRITER: CHARLIE KADAU

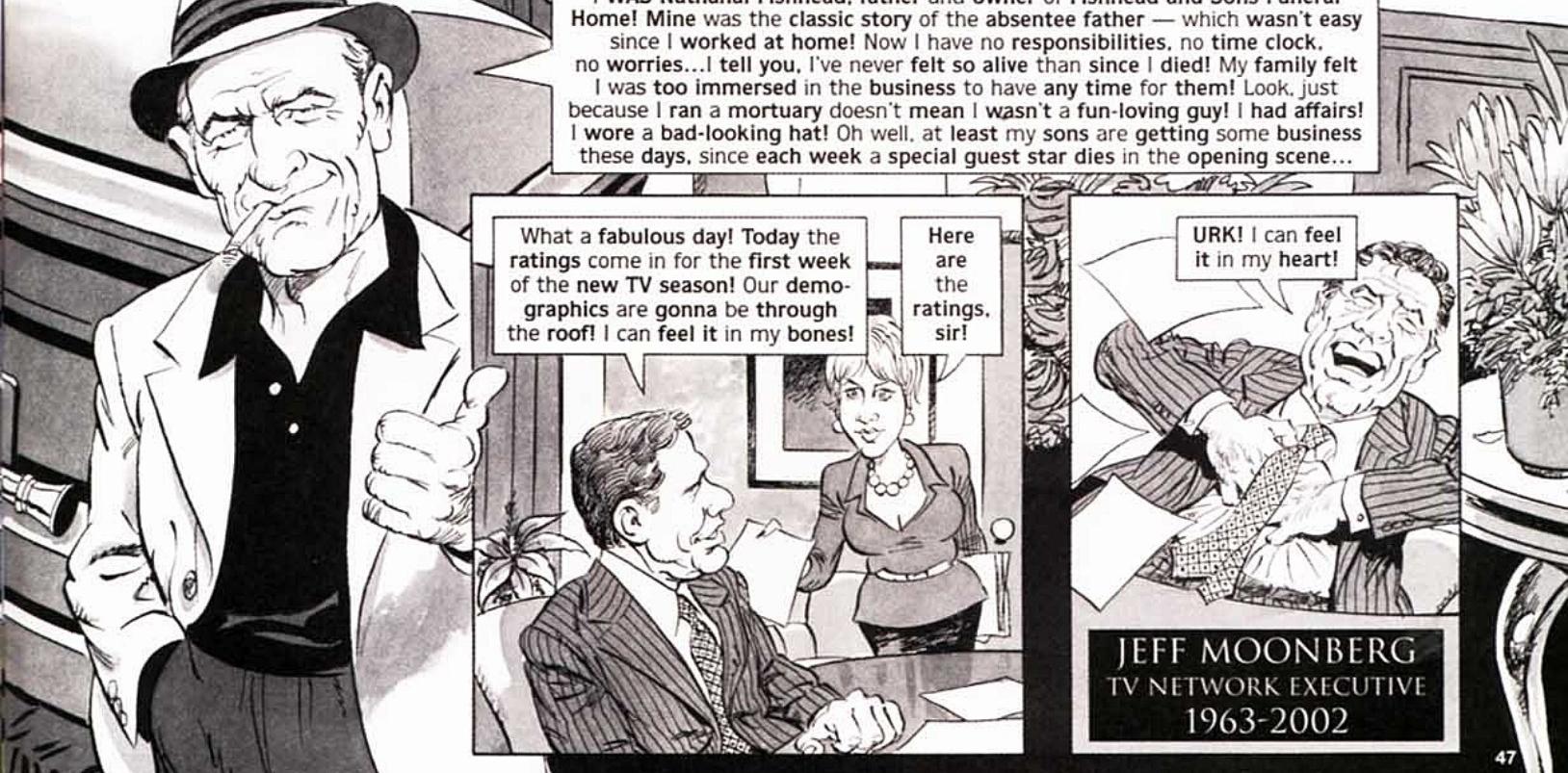
My name is Late Fishhead! I didn't want to be in the funeral business, so I became a sportscaster on *Sports Night!* It turns out the stench of death was even stronger *there!* Then I moved to Seattle to work at an organic foods co-op! Same stench! I hate the smell of Brussels sprouts in the morning! I was coming home for the holidays when my father was hit by a bus while traveling to pick me up at the airport! I'm proof that air travel IS safer than car travel!

I'm Late's girlfriend, Benda! When my psychologist parents discovered I had a high IQ, they tried to raise my brother and me as geniuses, but screwed us up so bad that now I'm a masseuse and a sex fiend! Oddly, most of the men I meet have no complaints with my upbringing!

Speaking of my brother. Silly, that's him creeping around with the camera — he's a photographer and a dangerous nut job! The last time he didn't take his medication he shifted all his 401K money into Enron stock! He's such a wacko. Anne Heche is uncomfortable around him!



I WAS Nathanael Fishhead, father and owner of Fishhead and Sons Funeral Home! Mine was the classic story of the absentee father — which wasn't easy since I worked at home! Now I have no responsibilities, no time clock, no worries...I tell you, I've never felt so alive than since I died! My family felt I was too immersed in the business to have any time for them! Look, just because I ran a mortuary doesn't mean I wasn't a fun-loving guy! I had affairs! I wore a bad-looking hat! Oh well, at least my sons are getting some business these days, since each week a special guest star dies in the opening scene...



JEFF MOONBERG
TV NETWORK EXECUTIVE
1963-2002

Late, we have a meeting with Gelato from Groaner Services — I'm afraid they're going to try and buy out our business!

Mom, to modernize the funeral home and stay competitive with Groaner we need money! Can you help us?

All right, I'll invest \$93,000!

Wow! Mom, where did you get all that money?

I made your father give me a dollar every time he said things like, "Another client just went from bed to hearse!" Bad gags can add up!

Even though I'm dead, I can still see you, even when you don't know it!

Is that because you want to watch over us and protect us?

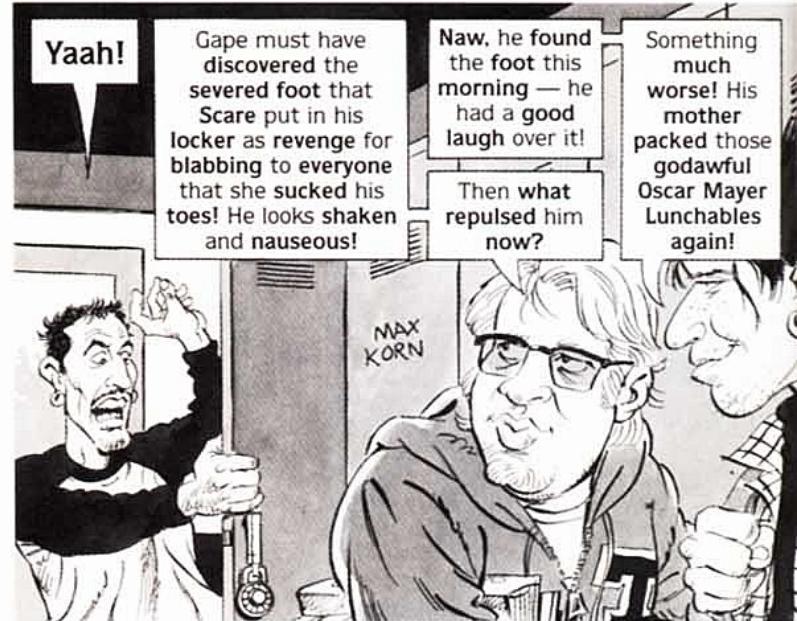
Yes, and also because I want to tell you how wonderful the afterlife is! Being here with the dead spirits is unlike anything you've seen!

Great, dad, but I still won't be available on Take Your Daughter to Work Day!



Thanks for seeing me, guys! My employer, Groaner Service Corp., is a giant funeral home conglomerate! We want to control Fishhead and Sons — we would dominate you and bend you to our will! It would look like you're in charge, but we'd make all the decisions and collect all the profits! It's just like the arrangement President Bush has with the oil companies!

Sorry, we're not interested, but could you tell me the part again about how you'd dominate us and bend us to your will? That sounded soooo hot! Yow!



Gayvid, I'm studying for the Undertaker's exam and I'm having a problem with question 11: "Why should you keep a box of Kleenex nearby when meeting with someone planning a loved one's funeral?"

What do you think the answer is?

I think it has to be either A) Because it shows you're a caring professional, or B) Because it lets them know it's all right to cry!

No, the correct answer is C) Because you can charge them a dollar per tissue and bill it under "grief counseling"!



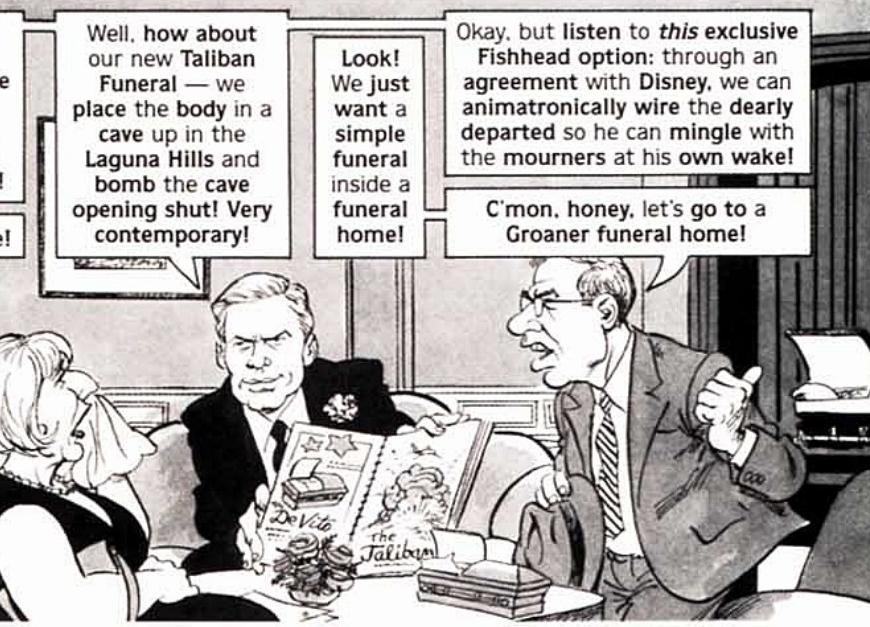
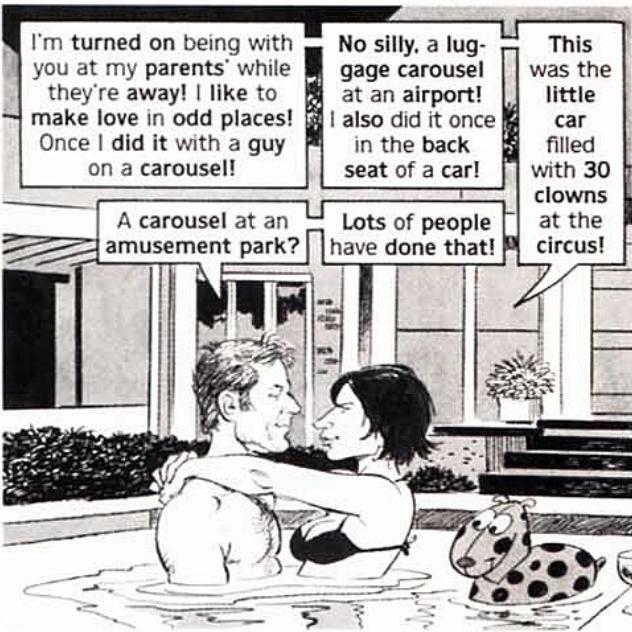
I'm so happy I took a job in this florist shop! After so many years at Fishhead and Sons, it's good to be out where everything isn't always about funerals!

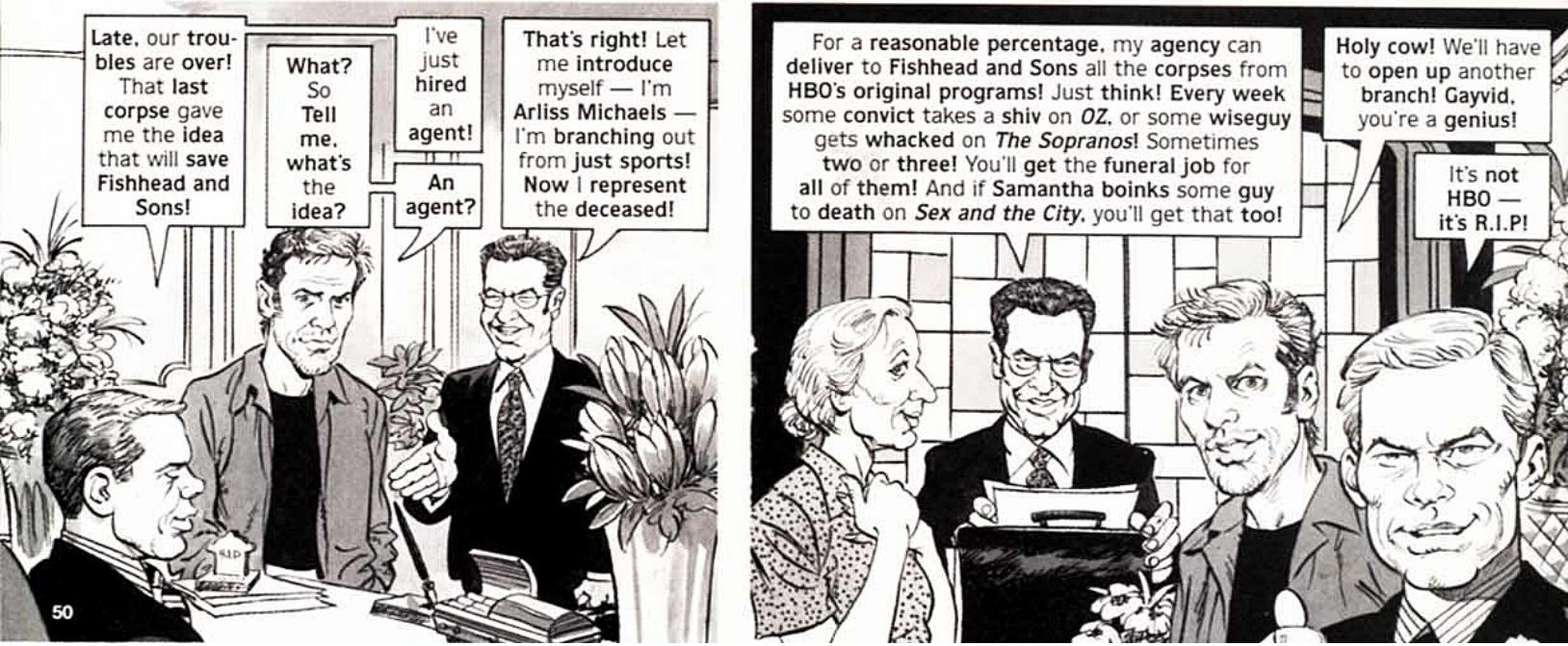
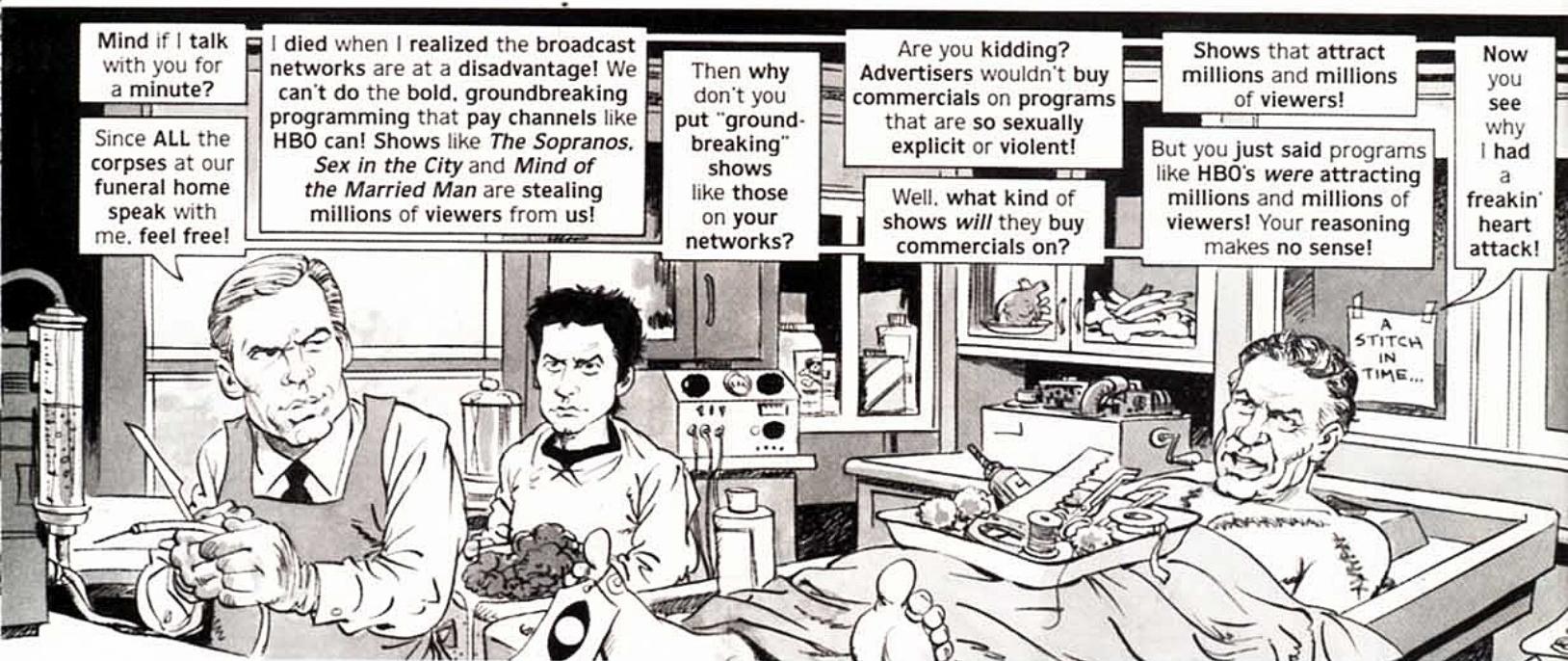
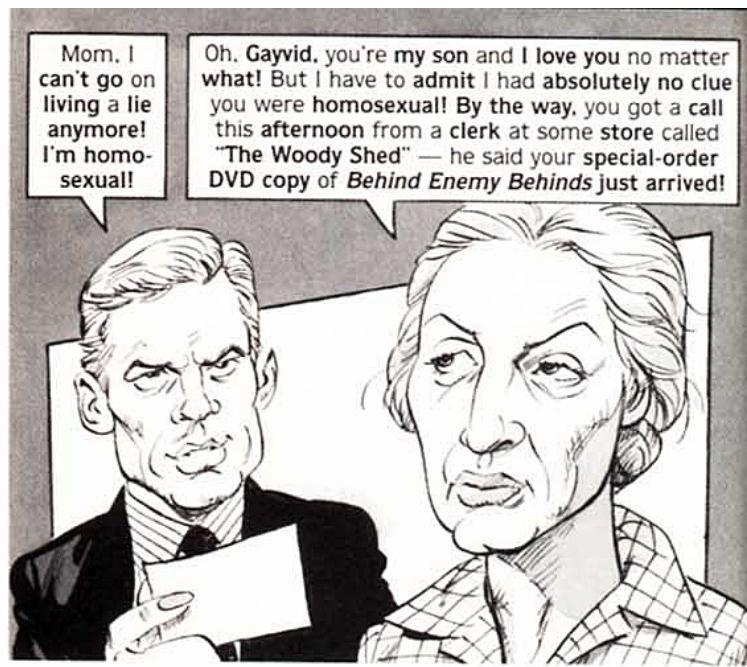
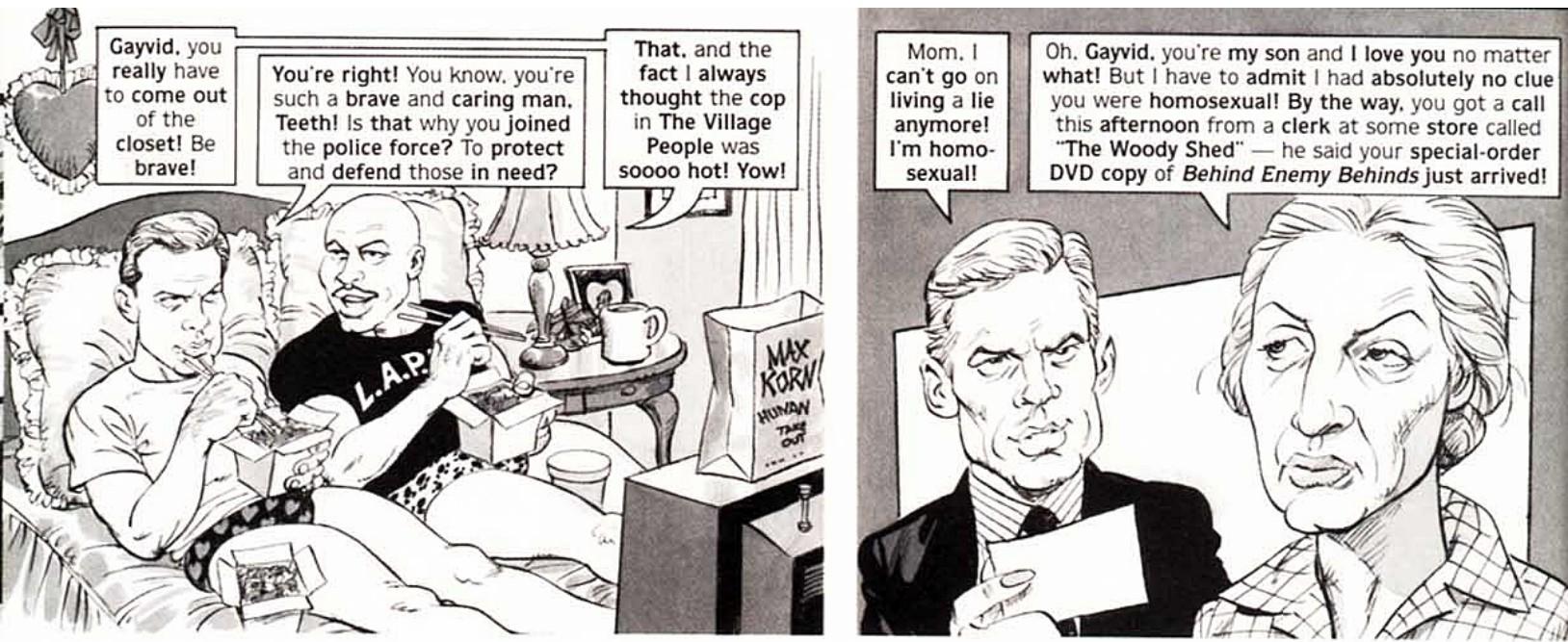
Root, I just got an order from the Menorah Chapel! They need five memorial wreaths and two casket sprays right away!

Hmmm... maybe not!

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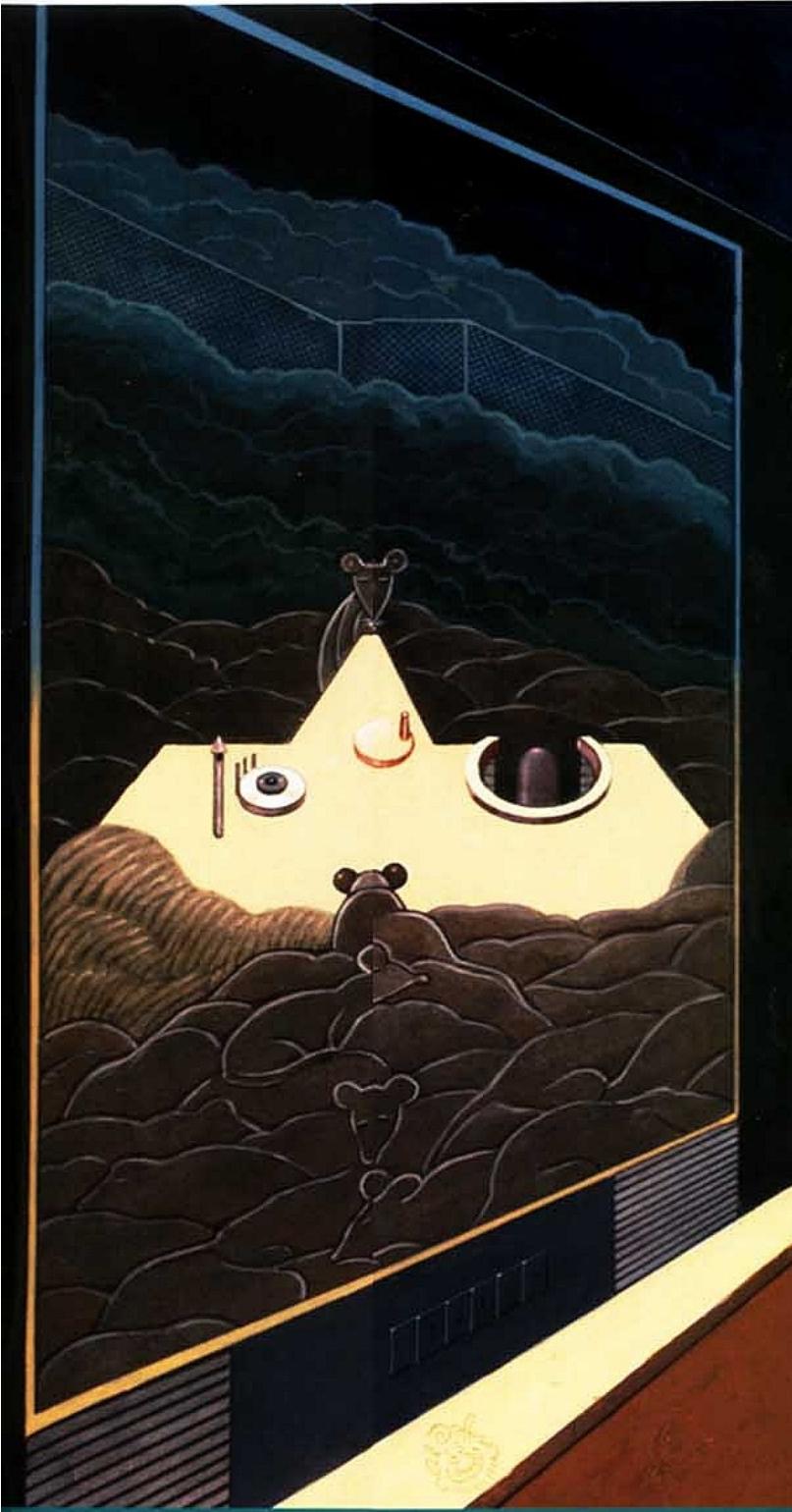
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ON NO OCCASION IS BRUTALITY JUSTIFIABLE.
SADLY, HOWEVER, MANY PEOPLE GIVE VERY SIMPLISTIC
REASONS FOR AGREEING TO IT. SUCH IRRATIONALITY
GOES ON TO INSIST THAT VICTIMS ARE TO BLAME
SHOULD ANYTHING GO WRONG. THIS AIN'T GOOD NEWS

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